

Lamlash Parish Church

Newsletter

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A Word from the Manse

Dear Friends

You will all realise by now that I am incapable of just a word! 'It's good to talk' is an old BT slogan which works fine for me!

Talking, communicating, laughing, sharing – all important in building us up as people, as friends and fellow Christians. I know what it's like to be unable to talk and it is not a good place to be! I am very thankful for the gift of conversation and for the joy of sharing God's Word Sunday by Sunday.

It's been almost two decades since BT's 'It's Good To Talk' commercials were televised. Behind the scenes the foundation of this campaign was based on 'Reciprocated Confidences' - the exchange of 'confidences' between human beings leads to better communications and, in turn, deeper relationships. Who knew??!! Four simple but unforgettable words: It's good to talk.

The campaign gave BT £5 billion over the five years it ran, a remarkable result and amazing testament to the power of good communications.

Well, have we Christians not got something worth talking about? Are we not in the communications 'business'? Surely sharing our faith through word and action is worth more than gold? Surely we have an obligation, a responsibility to share with others our experiences of God's love?

If four wee words can do it for BT, what can Almighty God do with us in our small corner?

Jesus said, "... even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice." LUKE 11 v 28.

It's good to talk. It's good to share our faith experiences with fellow Christians. It's good to share our faith stories with anyone who will listen and it's great to live out God's word every day. Let's practise our faith, our hope, our love.

Why not give the Faith Development Group a try? If the day and time don't suit you, we can look at alternatives. The FDG is a friendly, safe place to begin hearing and sharing God's word. There is absolutely no need to talk, unless you want to! Listening is a good thing too! We would love to see you there - 68 Murray Crescent 2pm on Tuesdays alternating with The Guild.

I am trying to keep this minister's letter short as there are pieces elsewhere in the Newsletter that will update you, hopefully inspire you, motivate you and encourage you. Meantime, dear friends, thank you for all you do..and say.. to make Lamlash Church a lively, welcoming, forward- thinking congregation. Thank you also for the support and encouragement you give me week by week.

Together, with God, we are 'reciprocating confidences' (deepening relationships and creating better channels of communication)! The Spirit is alive and kicking as we seek to hear God's word and put it into practice day by day.

With deep love and joyful prayers for each one of you,
Your ever-grateful minister and friend,

Lily

Well, my placement has now come to an end and the date for the Final Preaching Assessment is set for September. Apart from God and yourselves, I've got one more person to thank for seeing me through this final phase of my training and that is of course Lily.



From the start, I found Lily easy to get on with, really helpful and very encouraging, in fact a real inspiration. It's been a joy to work with her and to share so many different experiences. What impressed me most was her thoughtfulness and exceptional pastoral care of the two congregations, her acceptance of everyone she came into contact with and the hours worked each week which would put a younger person to shame! I'm sure you all know what a treasure she is. Thank you Lily.

I'd like to finish with a song which you can sing to the tune of 'My Way'

*And now, the end is near, and so I face the final countdown
To the final assessment date, when will it be, I'm still not certain.*
But Lily is still on hand to quell my fears too few now, to mention,
And guide me through it all with loving care, and great attention.*

*Yes there were times I'm sure you knew, when I bit off more than
I could chew,
But through it all when there was doubt, I turned to Lily who
helped me out.
We faced it all, we had a ball and did it God's way.*

At the Final Preaching Assessment, if there are children, this is how Bertie will be appearing.



Aileen

() As we go to print, it is now known that Aileen's assessment date has been set for the 3rd of September.
We love having Aileen as part of our church family and just know she is going to fly through this final preaching assessment. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication Aileen!*

The Maker's Touch

The potter worked at his task, with patience, love and skill,
A vessel, marred and broken he altered again to his will.
It was blackened, bent and old, but with traces of beauty left,
So he worked this mender of pottery to restore the charm bereft,
Till at last it stood transformed and he viewed it with tender eyes,
The work of his hands and love, this potter patient and wise.

I know a Mender of broken hearts, and of lives that are all undone;
He takes them all, as they come to Him and He loves them, every one.
With patience, love and skill that surpasses the knowledge of men,
This Master Potter gathers the lost and restores to His image again.
O Lover of folk with broken lives, O wonderful Potter Divine.
I bring my soul for Thy healing touch, in me let Thy beauty shine.

Anon.

Thanks to Aileen Brookens for submitting this poem for inclusion. It's from an anonymous author within a book published in 1949, and has been adapted by Aileen. Ed



Lamlash Church

*at the heart of
the community.*

*with the
community at its heart.*



Our Church Family

Baptism

Children are a gift from the Lord, they are a real blessing. Psalm 127:3

Grace Anne Marie Keir

Marriage

Love is patient, love is kind... 1 Corinthians 13:4

Rachel Todd to Travis Britton

Deaths

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away. Revelation 21:4

Roderick Hamilton
Mary Murdoch
Ken Shearmon

We remember these families in our prayers.

Door Duty

3 September	Beverley Millar & Robert Marr
10 September	John Houston & Ken Barclay
17 September	Vivienne Haigh & Mick Cannon
24 September	Mary Mackenzie & Peter McKay
1 October	Dorothy Boyle & Anne Ferguson
8 October	David Oakes & Alison Page
15 October	Beverley Millar & Robert Marr
22 October	John Houston & Ken Barclay
29 October	Vivienne Haigh & Mick Cannon
5 November	Mary Mackenzie & Peter McKay
12 November	Dorothy Boyle & Anne Ferguson
19 November	David Oakes & Alison Page
26 November	Beverley Millar & Robert Marr

OPEN CHURCH

Many thanks to the volunteers who have been doing 'Open Church' duty on weekdays during the months of June, July and August. Your commitment has been very much appreciated.

David Oakes

Bell Ringing

3 September	Maureen
10 September	Iain
17 September	Alison
24 September	Jean
1 October	Dorothy
8 October	Maureen
15 October	Iain
22 October	Alison
29 October	Jean
5 November	Dorothy
12 November	Maureen
19 November	Iain
26 November	Alison

Flower Rota

3 September	
10 September	Mrs Dorothy Boyle
17 September	Mrs Margaret Fowler
24 September	Miss Margaret McArthur
1 October	Mrs Maureen Oakes
8 October	Mrs Vivienne Haigh
15 October	Mrs Mary Mackenzie
22 October	Mrs Pearl Forbes
29 October	Guild
5 November	Mrs Morag Campbell
12 November	Poppies
19 November	Mrs Maureen Oakes
26 November	Mrs Hilary Crawford



The Singing Group

Sing a new song to the Lord! Psalm 96 verse 1.



The summer has seemed very long without meeting for our weekly sing along! I know many have missed the fellowship and the fun we have as we try out different types of praise. The good news is we are about to start up again so get out your diaries and make sure you add the date -

Wednesday at 4pm in the church hall beginning 13th September.

It would be great to have new people join us so please think about giving it a try! We don't bite and we are really friendly! We are not a choir! Everyone is welcome and there are no auditions! See you there!

Graeme McKinnon



GUILD NEWS

After a busy 2016/2017 we completed the Guild year successfully, with the committee having managed the meetings with enthusiasm and dedication. We hope to work in a similar way next year.

2017/2018 will see us in the final year of our strategy "Be Bold, Be Strong". We have moved through Peace and Joy and this year we are asked to "Go in Love" and we will continue to support the Guild's projects "Street Pastors" and "Feed the Minds".



*"Love is patient and
envy or boast;*

kind; love does not

*It is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own
way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at
wrong doing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all
things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all
things. Love never ends."* **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**



Although we have had a break for the summer Guild members have been quietly working away wearing their other hats – contributing to the weekly coffee mornings, delivering and visiting with church flowers and other routine tasks. Now it's all systems go to complete the planning of next year's syllabus and Aileen (Graham) is busy with that in preparation for October.

The Guild was in action at the Church Fete in May, manning a large baking stall and the tearoom facilities. This was a successful Church occasion and good for us all to work together in the Church Hall.

The Presbytery Summer Rally, was held on June 6 at St.Molios, Shiskine and we had a good turnout of Guild members which included two members from our link church, the Laigh Kirk, Kilmarnock who were holidaying here that week.

The speaker was Karen Gillon, Assoc. Secretary to the Church of Scotland Guild, the lady responsible for completing the "Wee Tartan Book of Guild Prayers". We look forward to seeing contributions from Lamlash in print in the future. The service was followed by fellowship and refreshments with members of other Guilds.

It has been good to have Aileen (Brookens) with us this year and we hope to see more of her and other new and past members in October.

Diary dates:

Saturday 2 Sept. Annual Gathering 2017 – Caird Hall, Dundee

Sunday 22 Oct. Guild Dedication Service

Tuesday 24 Oct. First Guild meeting

Vivienne Haigh



"...We consider the changing environment that autumn brings - the golden mellow sunlight of an autumn morning, or the rainy dismal wind swept landscape of autumn storm. All of these experiences remind us that nothing in this life stays the same. It is only the things born out of love and selflessness that will last into eternity."

Lord,

Thank you for all that is past

The days of joy and encouragement

May I never forget

Those who have made me laugh

Those who have taken time to understand

Those who have been and still are loyal friends

Those who have supported from a distance

Those who have prayed and lived the gospel



Give me the grace and the courage

To move into a new place

To make new friendships

To rediscover importance of fruitfulness

Shelter me from the stormy days arrive

Hold me in the palm of your hand

Let the morning light

Lift me into your presence

Remind me that it is only the selfless acts of love

That will stand the test of time

by Very Rev Albert Bogle

1CORINTHIANS 13: 6-13

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Huge thanks to the Very Rev Albert Bogle for his kind permission to use the wonderful on-line resources from 'Sanctuary First' within our Newsletter. - Ed

<http://www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk/daily-worship>



The Faith Development Group resumes **19th September, 2pm** at 68 Murray Crescent and will run fortnightly. There is always a time of prayer for people and situations that are on our hearts. The meetings are very informal and friendly, and the subjects covered interesting and informative!

There is **no** pressure to pray aloud, but to be with friends, praying together, even silently, is a very encouraging and uplifting. It enhances your own private prayers at home. **Do** come along, everyone is welcome.

Monica Tweeddale

Prayer in the UK – Tearfund *

20 million adults in the UK pray.

13 million pray at least once a month
and 9 million every day.

1 in 3 people believes God will answer their prayers.

*source www.trypraying.co.uk



All are Welcome!

Wednesday 10:15 – 12 Noon

The best-laid schemes o' mice an men gang aft agley.

This summer, our small team of leaders was plagued with illness. The remaining three, supported by a small, willing band of bakers and helpers, provided a coffee morning each Wednesday. My heartfelt thanks to these volunteers and to our faithful stall holders. Of course, without the team leaders, there would be no coffee mornings.

From September, coffee mornings will be held monthly, usually on the first Wednesday of the month. Please continue to support our efforts to raise money for the Church and for Christian Aid.

Coffee mornings provide an opportunity to meet up with all kinds of people of different backgrounds from near and far. We value our regular customers and enjoy meeting our visitors.

Come along and join us for a chat, a "cuppa" and cakes.

Maureen Oakes



And talking of cakes.....

Mary Mackenzie's baking skills are legendary!!!!

Oh I am drooling just thinking of the taste of her pancakes, sponge cakes, meringues ++ absolutely deeelicious!!!

GOLDEN MOMENT FOR STAR COOK MARY

HALF A century ago, a young Mary McKenzie featured very prominently in the Scottish Women's Institutes magazine. Mary was featured as one of the organisation's Star Cooks in what was then known as Scottish Home and Country - and 50 years later her talents in the kitchen just keep getting better and better.

The Lamlash Institute member appeared in the August 1967 magazine as part of a feature on the Isle of Arran Federation. She was pictured in the kitchen of her farmhouse at The Knowe, surrounded by a beautiful display of homebaking and was also kind enough to share with members some of the recipes.

She put her first ever item - a meringue basket - on a show tray for Lamlash Institute in 1955 and she has been a very successful competitor at shows ever since. Mary, who before becoming a farmer's wife was head cook at Ayrshire Central Hospital, is a qualified judge with 10 bars for housewives' tests at 1st class or honours level, and is well known to Federations across Scotland.

Fast forward to 2017 and Mary, who still lives in the same farmhouse today, remains just as passionate about baking and sharing her skills. At her Institute's recent corners evening, she had fellow members baking pancakes.

Mary is an extremely talented crafter and her sewing skills will be on display on the Lamlash Institute tray at their show next month.

Janet Mair, press secretary of Lamlash Institute, said: "Mary's kitchen is still the source of beautiful baking and crafted items. At this year's AGM, Mary was presented with a well-deserved honorary member's certificate and badge, along with a bouquet in recognition of her long service, as a thank you from all of us."

I am not surprised in the slightest to see that our own dear Mary features in the Scottish Women's Institutes magazine - Gold stars 😊

Lamlash Parish Church Financial Report

The Church is grateful to our congregation for the support that it receives both in terms of the financial contributions and the time and abilities of its members.

The Church Bank Account has a Balance of £105,780.30.

We are grateful for the donations of substantial sums to be used for the projects within the Church which are ongoing.

The upkeep of the Church, hall, Manse, and contributions to Ministry & Mission of the Church continue to drain more from the account than we receive so I am grateful for all contributions that can be made through Gift Aid or legacies that help maximise contributions.

If you have any ideas that will help to increase income for the Church, please do not hesitate to come forward.

It is hard to believe that it is now half way through my second year as Treasurer. It is now time to call on members of the congregation as we seek someone willing to come forward to take over as Treasurer at the end of next year. It is so much better for the Church to have more than one person able to take on the role of Treasurer as we must always look forward and be able to respond to changes as they occur.

Thank You,

Robert K Marr
Treasurer





The Blythswood Care 2017 Christmas Shoebox appeal is on the point of launching as we go to print. Contributions from across the Isle of Arran are being collated in Brodick by Mrs Anne Mitchell in readiness for leaving the island at the end of October.

Mary Mackenzie and Joyce Walker lead this appeal on behalf of Lamlash Church and this year, there are three ways in which you may wish to participate:

- ✓ To fill a shoebox with a selection of the contents listed on the information leaflet
- ✓ To donate 'loose' items which can be added to shoeboxes either here or on the mainland
- ✓ To make a monetary contribution of any sum

There would appear to be a shortage of shoeboxes available this year from shoe shops on the mainland, and although we expect to have a limited supply available, we would urge you to source one for yourselves. There will be a collection box in the vestibule of the church to receive any loose donations of goods. This is a very worthwhile cause and every donation - large or small – is gratefully received.

CHECKLIST 2017

Please tick items included and firmly secure this list on your shoebox lid.

SUGGESTED ITEMS (ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW):

Please do try to include the following items highlighted in the top box.

<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush and Toothpaste <input type="checkbox"/> Hat, scarf, gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Soap	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Toy for boys and girls such as cars, dolls, balls. Please only include new shop-bought toys. <input type="checkbox"/> Sweets (No chocolate or any other food) 'Best Before' date no earlier than March 2018 No loose sweets, lollies or undated bags of sweets.
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Do not include used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns or knives or military figures; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; chocolate or any food other than sweets. Chocolate Eclairs and Chocolate Limes are not allowed; books that are mainly words should also not be included.

<p><u>Toiletries (NO TALCUM POWDER)</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo <input type="checkbox"/> Face cloth/ Moist wipes <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant <input type="checkbox"/> Moisturising Cream <input type="checkbox"/> Comb/Brush <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Products <input type="checkbox"/> Shaving foam/Razors <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear Socks/Tights <p><u>Miscellaneous</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> New Make-up <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Household Candles <input type="checkbox"/> Screwdrivers/Pliers <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Utensils <p><u>Stationery</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Pens/Pencils/Sharpener <input type="checkbox"/> Notepads/Colouring books <input type="checkbox"/> Rulers/Rubbers <p><u>Clothes and other Items</u> (T-shirts/Pyjamas/Jumpers/ Shirts) etc</p> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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World Mission

Monica Tweeddale

Please don't forget to save your used postage stamps for this year's appeal.

The aim of the World Mission Council is to connect the Church of Scotland with the world church, and the last edition of their magazine contained accounts of the experiences of people during their travels to various countries, and the personal relationships formed. There is also an interesting account of the struggles of a Mexican lady who is trying to become ordained – **we** could tell the objectors that a lady minister is quite ok!

The WM Councils report on Women in the World church was well received at the General Assembly, and it emphasized the need for a continued campaign for equality between women and men in our churches and societies.

On September 16th the WM Council is holding a conference in conjunction with the University of Edinburgh, at which women from all over the world will share their experiences. If anyone is interested, register by e mail via this link wmoutreach@churchofscotland.org.uk

The WM magazine is always well worth reading, so pass your name to Monica to ensure you receive a copy. It is also available to view

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/serve/world_mission/world_mission_news

Thank you, Monica for being our World Mission representative in Lamlash Church and for very kindly writing a report for our Church Newsletter each quarter. - Ed





Music Matters

goes from strength to strength and we can now say with absolute conviction that music most certainly matters! The visible, tangible response from everyone taking part is such a wonderful reward: we see a transformative impact on lives as the joy of musical memories and experiences lifts the collective spirit at the very least for the wonderful moment. Everyone involved is clearly and most movingly stimulated by their participation.



We hope to increase the activity to twice monthly and we are currently planning to have this in place by November.

We have greatly benefitted from everyone making individual contributions. Everyone was delighted with Francis Coyle's singing and as always, Jean Bowden and Iain Auld for their lively contributions. The Arran string group, Arco, will be playing with us on 28th September.

We have much appreciated Brodick Co-op's donation of percussion instruments and we have made initial steps to encourage their use at Music Matters. We plan to add drums and whistles and create a samba band experience. This will be important to have when we go on to develop a programme for the twice-a-month sessions: we will always have group singing but add the samba band experience and visiting performers to ensure we can sustain the increased activity.

Our hope is that by providing a different day for the second monthly activity, we will enable wider participation.



Sisters, Margaret & Jean, enjoying a lovely musical afternoon together.



Betty & George celebrating their wedding anniversary!

Of course, without our dedicated volunteers and our willing bakers we would be unable to keep going so thank you to all who help, and to those who support us.

Coming to church, you will have noticed the plant displays along the path to the front door. This is the beginning of our sensory garden which we intend to be a link with Music Matters. The sensory garden will be developed further as our church development plans become clearer. We are particularly grateful to the Marjory Moffat Trust and to donations from The Isle of Arran Distillery, Neil Young, Mark Bunyan, Pearl Forbes and Vivienne Haigh. We are also very grateful for the assistance provided by Robert Marr, Dorothy and David Boyle.

Graeme McKinnon



What a pleasure to meet up with Fiona Trewby and her lovely son, Jamie, whilst she was back home in Lamlash visiting her parents over the summer. Fiona and her husband Andrew Bowden work in Malawi - Fiona with the Lilongwe Wildlife Trust and Andrew with DFID.



Fiona had recently visited a school in Lilongwe where Mary's Meals is supporting a feeding and education programme. I was fascinated to hear stories of what she had witnessed first-hand and could share with 'the folks back home' just how much of a difference our donations and support are making.

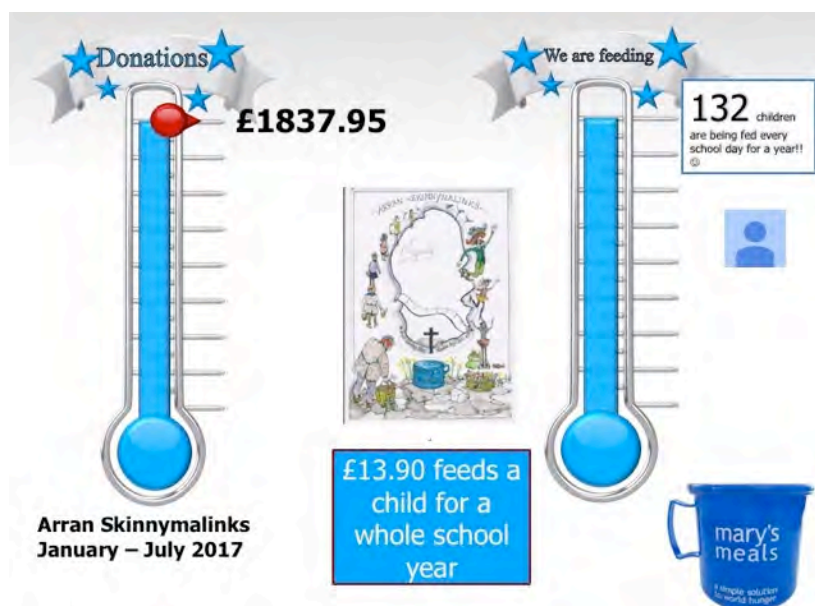
Reassuringly, Fiona was able to confirm that Mary's Meals keep a tight handle on what happens to the grain/food supplied to the schools for the children and it was fantastic to see photos she had taken whilst there herself. The children were fascinated with her iPhone and the 'selfie' function, you can view clips on the Mary's Meals Arran Facebook page.



It's just so heartening to hear the good news about Mary's Meals in action from someone living in one of the countries it supports and entirely independent of the charity itself.



As recently reported in the Arran Banner, Arran Skinnymalinks has donated enough to provide 26,256 meals this year alone. A recipe for success!!





The Knit & Natter Nutters

are already making plans to pick up their pins to create some Christmas mindings to sell in aid of Mary's Meals. Anyone is most welcome to join this very informal group. We have a lovely range of Festive patterns to meet all abilities and even some wool we can supply you with! The plan is to meet over a cup of tea in the Residents Lounge at Trust Homes in McKelvie Court on a Friday morning between 10:30 and 12 Noon during October and early November but if you prefer to knit on your own, that's perfectly fine! Patterns are available now. Please contact Alison on Tel: 600963 or Email: alykay62@gmail.com

The Legend of the "Forget-Me-Not"

by Emily Bruce Roelofson

When to the flowers so beautiful
The Father gave a name,
There came a little blue-eyed one
All timidly it came;
And standing at the Father's feet,
And gazing on His face,
It said in low and timid voice,
And yet with gentle grace
"Dear Lord, the name Thou gavest me,
Alas! I have forgot."
The Father kindly looked on it
And said, "Forget Me Not."



Thank you Mary Chambers for submitting this lovely poem for inclusion. Emily Bruce Roelofson who is credited with writing this poem was born in Cincinnati in 1832. I am unable to track down further info through Google but given the theme and our church magazine is not for sale, I am praying there will be no objections! Ed

At the invitation of the Editor, Rev Vince Jennings has kindly submitted this article for inclusion in our Autumn Newsletter



We forget at times that every day thousands of Christians around the world face persecution for following Jesus. They can be discriminated against, harassed, imprisoned and violently attacked – but just like Jesus they choose to respond with love.

Release International is an organisation which gives a voice to such persecuted Christians. They are dedicated to helping and sustaining imprisoned brothers and sisters in Christ by mobilising prayer, monitoring and responding to the imprisonment of Christians, presenting their needs to Christians and churches in the UK and Ireland and to providing practical and pastoral support to Christian prisoners of faith and their families.

James Fraser, one of the development managers for Release International, presented the stories of those being persecuted today for their faith in Christ as Lord and Saviour.

The main focus on the night was for the persecuted church in Eritrea. Of a number of stories shared, I would like to reprint here one which I found very moving – as I believe any loving family member would.

'Mussie Ezaz has been an evangelist for more than 14 years and had worked with Youth for Christ for a number of years before developing his own ministry to young people as a leader in the Kale Hiwot Church. Married with three children, Mussie is a kind, generous and gifted leader who was first arrested in September 2007.

When he was first detained, Mussie was taken to a small village prison staffed mainly by young soldiers. From here he managed to escape and in an attempt to flee the country, made his way to Asmara, where he sought the aid of some friends and fellow Christians.

In what was a terrifying situation, he phoned his family to say goodbye and headed south, out of Asmara, towards the Ethiopian border.

Having travelled around 100km, he reached the town of Adi Kaih and again called his wife and family to let them know that he was safe. It was here the authorities caught up with Mussie and after a brief struggle he was re-arrested.

For a long time after his arrest, there was no information regarding his whereabouts or indeed his health, which caused his family grave concern. Local Eritrean Christians feared he had been killed or simply taken to a remote, isolated area of Eritrea and left to suffer in a prison cell somewhere.

Many pastors and church leaders are known to have been in prison at the maximum security crime investigation unit (Wenjel Mermera) in Asmara, some for more than ten years now. Reports indicate that Mussie is also imprisoned here. As with other Christians imprisoned in Eritrea, Mussie has never been tried or charged and so his family simply do not know if, or when, he is likely to be released.

Following his arrest a number of other Christians were detained, allegedly for having helped him in some way.

Please pray specifically that Mussie, who has now been separated from his wife and children for more than seven years, will be released and reunited with his family.'

Please remember that this is only one story, from one country, of the many thousands which could be told.

Rev. Vince Jennings (Pastor, Arran Baptist Church)

More information is readily available on the Release International website and you can access their magazine by following this link <http://www.releaseinternational.org/download-release-magazine/>
Ed



Lamlash Eco Savvy launch was a great success. I am so happy to be using our church hall as my venue. Future dates and times are to be confirmed.

If anyone has any questions or would like to donate goods or even a bit of valuable time, please contact me on:-

Lcameron345@btinternet.com

Tel: 600833



Thank you to everyone for your support so far and in the future.

Lynsay Scott





HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS



I IN 5 OF THE UK POPULATION LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LINE

There are families on Arran and in North Ayrshire in need of help. Despite working, many are still struggling to put food on the table.

Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support and without the provision of a school meal over the summer holidays our supplies have depleted.

Some suggested items to donate are:-

- *TINNED RICE PUDDING*
- *TINNED CUSTARD*
- *JAR OF PLAIN PASTA SAUCE*
- *TINNED SPAGHETTI*
- *TINNED FRUIT*
- *TUNA*
- *FRUIT JUICE (LONG LIFE)*
- *TINNED MINCE*
- *TINNED STEW*
- *TINNED CHICKEN IN WHITE SAUCE*
- *TINNED POTATOES OR MASH*



Prayer for a new student

We hold you, at university,
at the heart of every prayer,
And we ask our God who loves you
Just to hold you in His

care.

May He make His presence known
To you in every way He
And may you know His blessing
As you grow within His plan.

can

Where our life journeying will lead you
In the future is not clear,
But we pray that God will guard you
From all danger and all fear.

By Millie Carver

A MINISTER'S LOT (Part 2)

We left the Rev. Dugald Crawford, Minister of Kilmory Parish, (although the congregation had deserted the church upon his appointment six years previously), in 1821. In modern parlance he might well be described as 'Minister without Portfolio', and what pastoral duties he was able to carry out remain a mystery.

W M Mackenzie, who wrote Volume II of *The Book of Arran* (1914), just occasionally permits himself a wry comment about the personalities whom he is describing -

"Unfortunate to the last, the Rev. Crawford was drowned by the foundering of the boat in which he was crossing from Greenock to Arran on March 16, 1821. The boat had passed Cumbrae and was half way over when a squall, bringing a rain-cloud burst upon it and sent all to the bottom, including three other passengers, a student and two young men. *Mr Crawford was a man of corpulent build.*"

He is credited with the authorship of a brochure of which the title smacks of the sixteenth rather than the nineteenth century - '*A Mental Toothpick for the Fair Sex*'. *Mr Crawford does not seem to have been married.*"

The full title of the brochure is

**A MENTAL TOOTHPICK FOR THE FAIR SEX;
OR,
SOMETHING USEFUL TO OCCUPY THEIR TIME,
IN THE ABSENCE OF BETTER AMUSEMENT**

The book contains the Rev. Crawford's views on the manners to be cultivated by virtuous and sensible women.

"The eye must admire the female who is capable of being charmed, and of being charming in her turn. The advantages of birth or fortune may secure the adoration of the vulgar; but she who excels in mental refinement, courteous behaviour, and an agreeable temper, shows the essentials of a correct and delicate beauty. The charms of novelty, like the unsettled blossoms of spring, wear a dazzling appearance, but are easily defaced; and once they fade can never be renewed. The flighty character, like a temporary ballad, is only in request for a short time; but a modest sensible female will long continue to support her character.

Curiosity is awakened at the first sight of an elegant dome, but it is the riches within that establishes its lasting fame. A natural honesty of look, supported by consciousness of rectitude, triumphs over all artificial beauty."

Crawford continues by describing the dangerous habits to be avoided by sensible young women.

"Those precious hours designed for improvement, are devoted to cards, or other insignificant pastimes. The transactions of the day are soon hurried through. A rapid current of conversation rolls on to the milliner and the dressmaker. Concerts of music and public assemblies are sources of entertainment; how such a one danced, how elegant her person, but not a single expression about the propriety of her conduct, or the refinement of her understanding."

Imagine, if you will, a brochure running to 178 pages full of this pompous claptrap, and then marvel at the fact that the book is still in print! - although who would want to plough through it is a mystery.

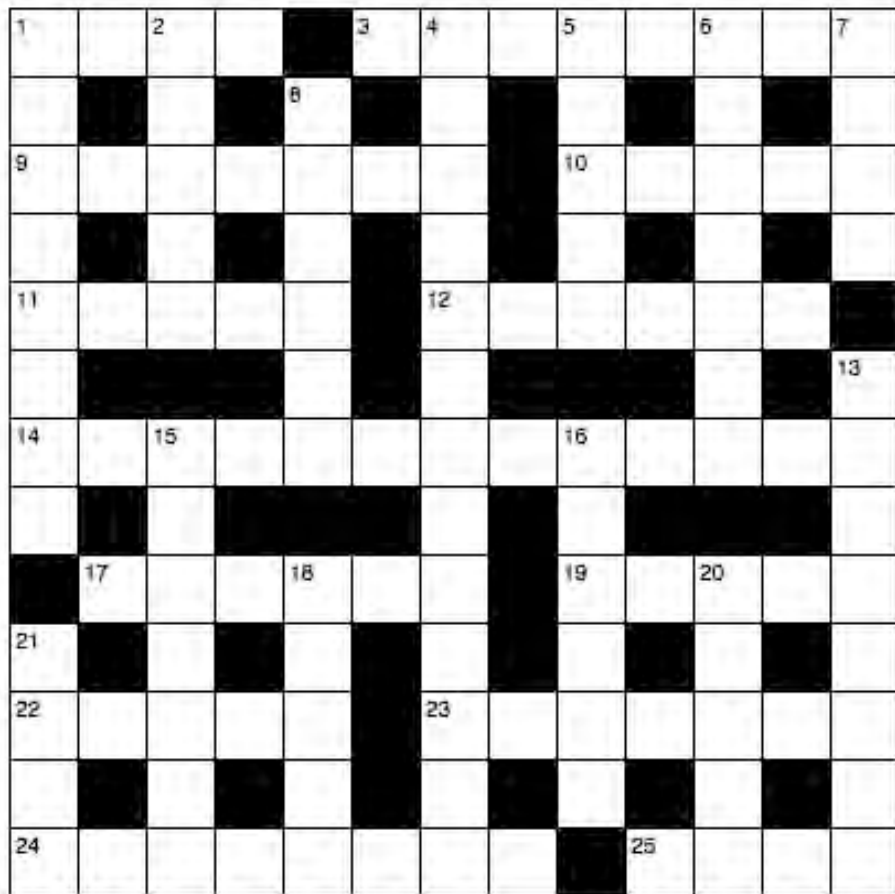
Crawford, of course, was not the only clergyman to have a supercilious attitude towards the opposite sex. On a headstone in our own Kilbride Graveyard you may find the following inscription –

The Rev. NEIL MCBRIDE
to
JANET DUNCAN
his endeared friend and faithful housekeeper
for nearly forty years, who died in Ivybank
9th December 1909 in her 70th year
She was a plain woman
of the greatest common sense
& grandest Christian character
and devotion to duty.
When asked to leave Glenisla for Arran
she answered like Ruth to Naomi.
Ruth 1 : 16-17

Neil McBride was born at Arranton in 1829. The last 36 years of his ministry were spent in Glenisla Parish, Forfarshire. He retired to Ivybank in 1901, dying in 1913.

Iain Auld

Crossword



(NIV Bible)

Clues Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)
 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Clues Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)
 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
 20 Episcopal headwear (5)
 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

Sudoku (Medium)

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	3						9	
					6		7	
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		5	2					

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Michael, Gabriel and
Raphael

In the Bible, angels are messengers from God. The word 'angel' comes from the Greek word for a messenger and it appears hundreds of times in the Bible. But the only angels whose names we know are Michael, Gabriel and Raphael who are archangels, captains among the angels. Each of these three has a different task: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.

In the New Testament, in the book of Revelation, Michael leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil and in the Old Testament he is in the book of Daniel, defending Israel against its enemies.

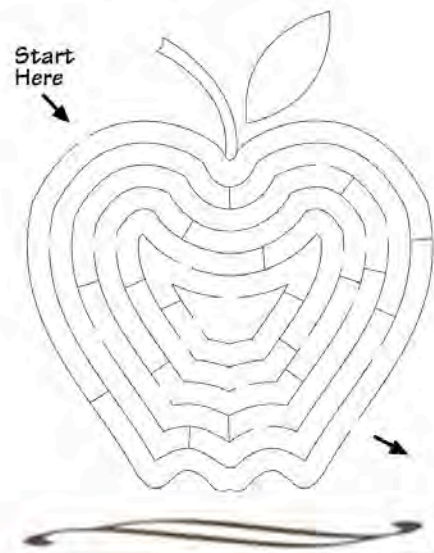
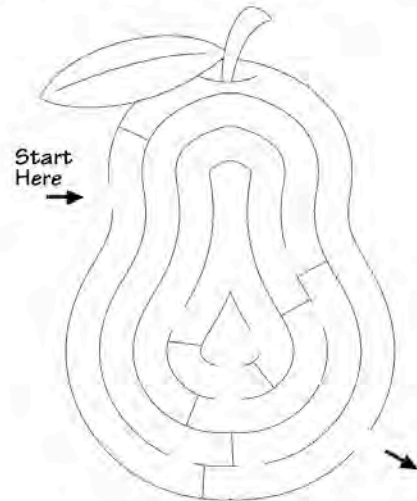


Gabriel is best known for his appearing to a young Jewish girl named Mary to tell her that she will give birth to Jesus.

Raphael is in the Old Testament story of Tobit where he guides Tobit's son Tobiah.

HARVEST PUZZLE

Can you find your way through these 2 fruit mazes?

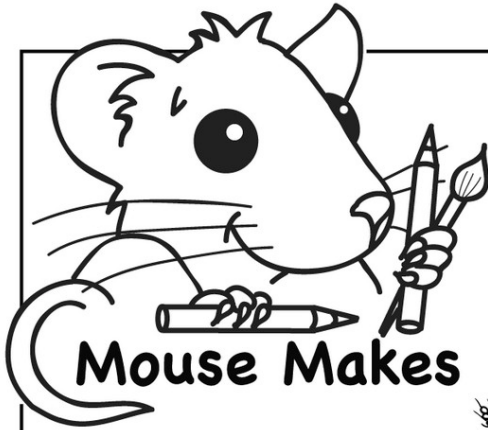


What kind of nuts sneeze the most?

Cashews.

What's a vampire's favourite fruit?

Nectarine.



Mouse Makes

Can you find these harvest words in the hay bales?

HARVEST

THANKSGIVING

PRAISE • GOD • BLESSED

SEEDS • SOW • LAND

PLOUGH • SCATTER

SOIL • GROW

CROPS • REAP



May all the peoples praise you, O God,
may all the peoples praise you!
The land has produced its harvest,
God, our God has blessed us.
God has blessed us, may all people
everywhere honour him.

Psalm 67:5-7



WHEAT SW P I C K C
A P P L E R A I N R O K
U R G P P T P E A R S
T O R L B L E S S E D U
U B O U R O R Y E P O G
M O W M O U S E R T A
N U T S S G R A P E S R
O G O D E H S C R O P S

WATER • RAIN • SUN
AUTUMN • GATHER
PICK • REAP • BALE
TRACTOR • BARN • CART
HAYSTACK • FOOD
MOUSE • BREAD • LOAF
GRAIN • CORN
WHEAT • OATS
RYE • BARLEY



OLIVES • GRAPES • PIPS
PEARS • PLUMS • APPLE
BERRIES • NUTS • VINE
FIGS • BEANS • PEAS
POTATOES • FLOUR
ONIONS
PARSNIPS
RICE • SUGAR



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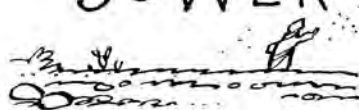
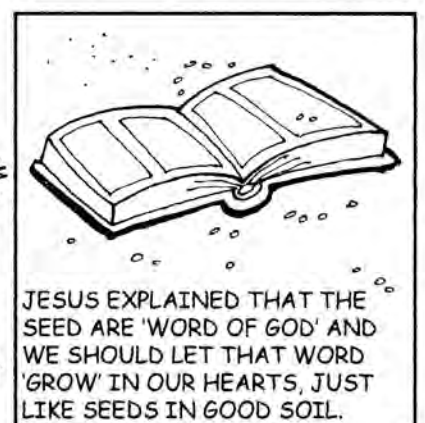
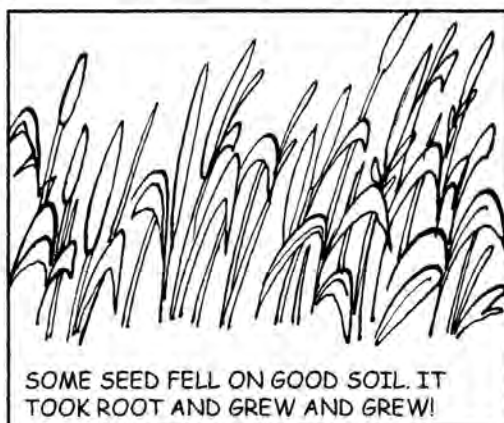
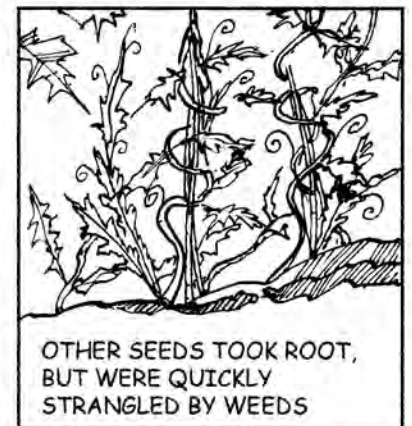
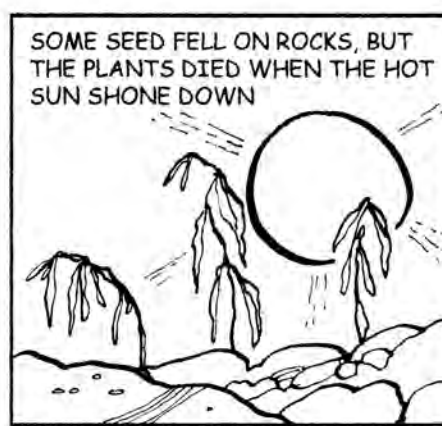
A short story from the Bible

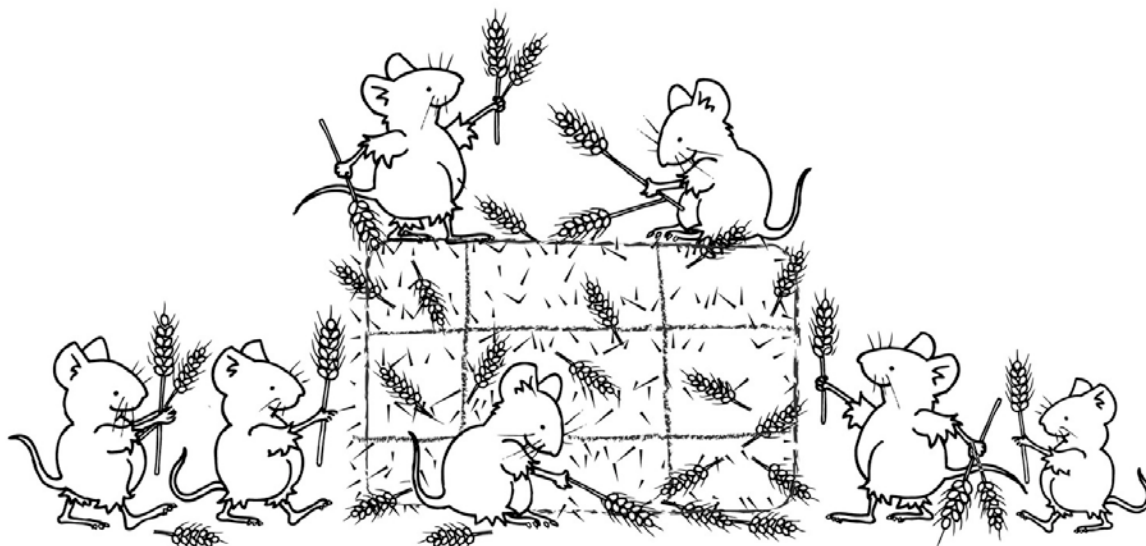
It can be read in the Bible in
Genesis chs. 37:1-36, 39:1-20

Jacob had 12 sons but his favourite was Joseph, his beloved Rachel's son. He even gave him special clothes to wear...



the PARABLE of the SOWER



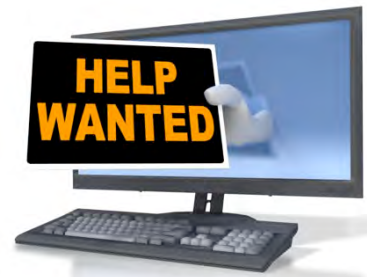
Sudoku Solution

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2	9	8	5	4	7	1	3	6
6	1	5	3	8	9	7	2	4
7	4	9	2	5	6	3	8	1
1	8	2	7	3	4	6	9	5
5	6	3	1	9	8	2	4	7

Crossword Solutions

ACROSS: 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt.

DOWN: 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav.



Editor's Note

The role of Newsletter Editor is a rewarding one and a role I enjoy immensely. Thank you for all your kind feedback encouraging me to continue, however, this shouldn't be a job for life as it needs to be kept fresh with new ideas. I will be hanging up my notepad and pencil with the Winter 2017/18 edition, at least for a wee while.

Many people wear lots of hats in Lamlash Church. I never have any difficulty in finding content with our super-duper regular contributors. Also, there is always lots happening in the church and in our community to report on. There is a format you can follow or feel free to change it to something you are more comfortable with! In the Summer 2014 edition I said my overall aim for this Newsletter was to:-



- (i) Communicate a Christian message from our minister
- (ii) provide reports on church organisations and clubs
- (iii) educate and on occasions, entertain readers
- (iv) provide a service to the church and local community

Please contact Rev. Lily McKinnon or myself if you can help (even as Guest Editor for a few editions) or would like more information.

Alison

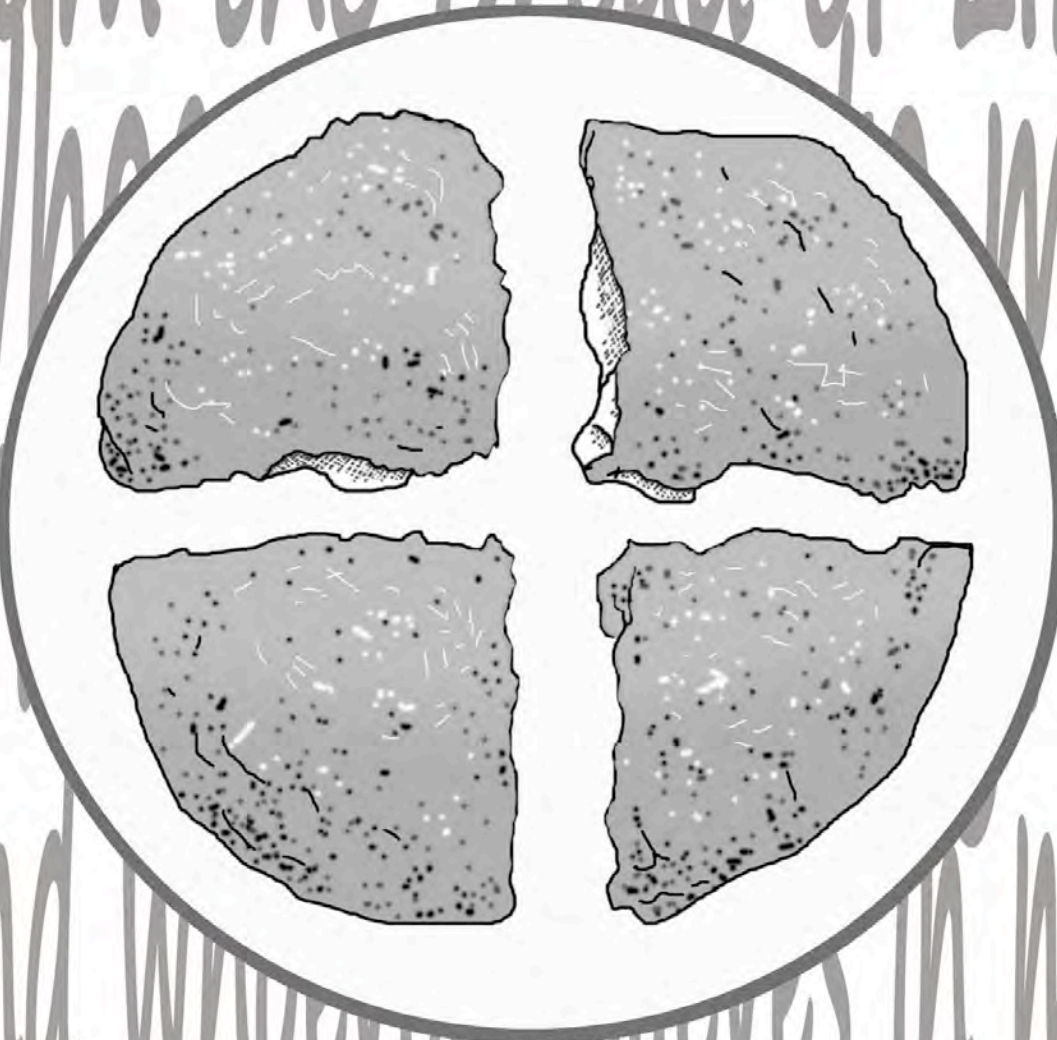
Remember, remember the **5 November** is the deadline for contributions to the Winter 2017/18 edition. I'm going out with a bang and there will be fireworks if you are late! ;-)

Oldest computer

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. Not surprisingly, it was an Apple. But it had an extremely limited memory: just one byte, and everything crashed.



*We don't change God's message -
His message changes us.*



*I am the Bread of Life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me
will never be thirsty.*

John 6: 35

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