

Church Register

Deaths:

“The Lord’s my shepherd I’ll not want”

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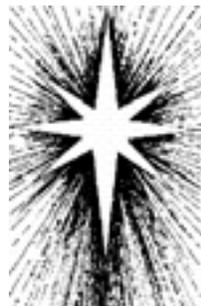
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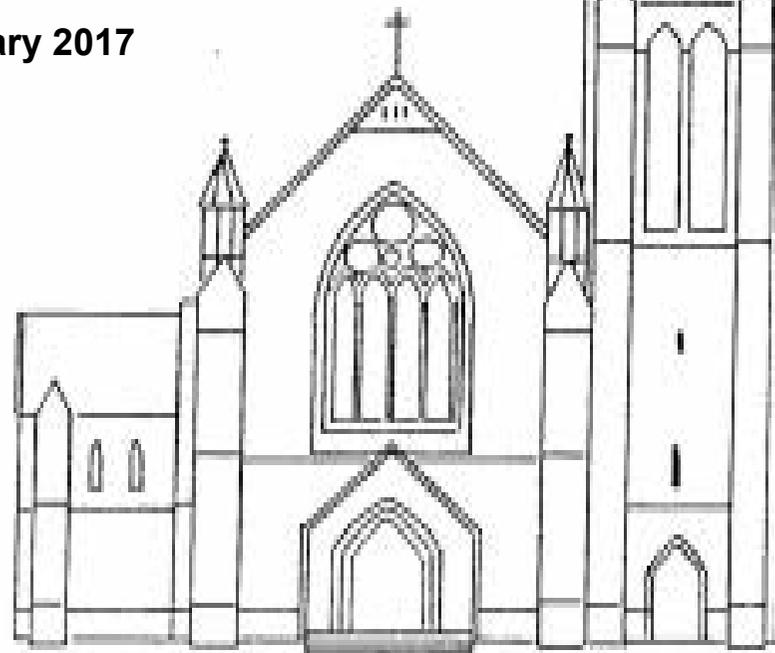
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Blythwood Care

We have resumed our collection for Blythwood, so please bring any of the following donations, and they will be taken up to their shop in Prestwick.

Please mark your boxes/bags with the following appropriate label(s):

**BRB = Bric-a-Brac C = Clothes D = Dishes F = Food
G = Glass items M = Medical T = Toys = Books**

Stamps

Please bring along used stamps and place them in the box in the vestibule at the church building.

They are sent to World Mission at '121' who benefit in the region of £2,000 + per annum.

Please leave about one quarter of an inch around the stamp when you cut it off the envelope.

Computer Inkjet Cartridges

Used computer inkjet cartridges continue to be handed in in good numbers in response to the Kirk Session's decision to collect used computer inkjet cartridges and send them off to either The Leprosy Mission (Scotland) or to CHAS. The Leprosy Mission (Scotland) can take only three particular makes but other makes can be sent via the Rotary Club of Girvan to CHAS.

The church will send off the ones to TLM (Scotland) while the rest will be taken to Rotary for them to send to CHAS.

A box will be found each Sunday in the vestibule of the church building into which you may place your used cartridges. Please keep them coming!

Dear Friends,

How are your New Year's resolutions coming along? I have to confess that I didn't make any that way I can't break them, or feel like some kind of weak-willed jelly fish because I failed to keep them. Having said that, I am being more particular about my daily readings and what I eat, and I am trying to walk more. But the truth is that the only resolution I really need to make is to walk by faith not by sight.

Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:6-10: "6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil." The Holy Bible: English Standard Version. (2016).

Now if you are wondering how to "walk by faith" consider these other passages in the Bible which talk about walking:

- Walk before Him and be blameless—Genesis 17:1
- Walk in His statutes—Leviticus 26:3
- Walk in all His ways—Deuteronomy 10:12
- Walk uprightly—Psalm 84:11
- Walk in newness of life—Romans 6:4
- Walk in the Spirit—Galatians 5:16
- Walk in love—Ephesians 5:2

How we understand the ways in which we are to walk is more comprehensive than perhaps we first thought. However, Jesus said that He would never leave us nor forsake us and so we are never asked to walk alone. As we journey through life, the closer we stay to Jesus the easier we will find the walk and the more our lives will be a demonstration of the walk.

The great Baptist preacher F. W. Boreham illustrates the importance

of how we are to work with a story from the life of Francis of Assisi. "Brother," Francis said one day to one of the young monks at the Portiuncula, "let us go down to the town and preach!"

The novice, delighted at being singled out to be the companion of Francis, obeyed with alacrity. They passed through the principal streets; turned down many of the by-ways and alleys; made their way out to some of the suburbs; and at length returned, by a circuitous route, to the monastery gate. As they approached it, the younger man reminded Francis of his original intention.

"You have forgotten, Father, that we went down to the town to preach!"

"My son," Francis replied, "we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We have been seen by many; our behavior has been closely watched; it was thus that we preached our morning sermon. It is of no use, my son, to walk anywhere to preach unless we preach everywhere we walk."

As we enter the second month of the "New Year" let us continue to walk in such a way that people are pointed to the one who enables us to walk, that they too might be given the faith to walk in the light and with a skip in their step.

Shalom,

Pastor Richard

Church Calendar

Sunday`	5 th February	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	12 th February	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	19 th February	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	26 th February	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat

[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]

Monday	13 th February	Kirk Session Meeting	7.00 pm
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Crèche Rota

5 th February	Yuna McLeod, Michelle Scobie
12 th February	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
19 th February	Arlene McGarragle, Susan Brown
26 th February	Lorraine Reid, Leslie Forbes
5 th March	Margaret Nicol, Rhona MacKinnon

If anyone is interested in helping out on a Sunday morning, Diane, would be delighted to hear from you – contact details are given below.

We are grateful to those members of our fellowship who voluntarily give of their time to staff our Crèche on Sunday mornings. Please remember that if you cannot do your duty one Sunday it is vital that you arrange a replacement with somebody else who is already on the Crèche rota.

We wish to take this opportunity to remind members that the Crèche is available every Sunday for children under 3 years of age.

Diane Irvine is the Crèche co-coordinator, her contact details are:

5 Trowier Road, Girvan Tel: 710524 Wells1969@hotmail.co.uk

Baby and Toddler Group

The group runs on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 – 11.00 am. We have an average between 9 and 12 children and babies. The mums, dads and grandparents enjoy their time and the little ones have a ball. All are welcome up to the age of 3 and there is always room for more.

Mandy McGlaughlan

Malawi –Soup and Sweet Lunch

On Sunday 26th February we will be holding a Soup & Sweet Lunch in the hall after our Service of Holy Communion in aid of our fundraising for Malawi. Further details will be included in the pew leaflets and if you are unable to join us for lunch, there will be an opportunity for you to contribute by way of a retiring collection.

Women's Study Group

“Toward More Glorious Praise”.

Our weekly meetings will be held in the manse at 10a.m. and 7 p.m., beginning with an introduction on Tuesday, January 31st.

These are not in-depth bible studies, demanding much bible knowledge, but are meant to encourage and motivate us in our daily walk with God. If you would like to join in fellowship with us (and have some fun too!), it is not too late! Call Margie at 713203.

Choir

The Choir meets each Thursday at 7.15 pm in the Memorial Chapel. Anyone wishing to join us, please come along. You will be made most welcome.

Presbytery's Got Talent?

On **FRIDAY 31st of MARCH** from 7pm we are hosting a concert '**PRESBYTERY'S GOT TALENT?**' and we are looking for just that TALENT. We would like performers to show their talent in no more than a 10min slot.

The concert will be in **Kingcase Parish Church hall** and tickets and posters will be on their way. This concert is in aid of the Presbytery team going out to Malawi, it is not for their fares but for the gifts that they give to their hosts while out there. Schools, hospitals, Presbytery, churches, Guilds, all receive monetary gifts and the last time they were there the cost was around £2,000. So please please do support this and get your churches involved and share their gifts with us all.

We also hope that **each congregation individually may also have another fundraising event to support this trip**, and if you have a **twinning with a church in Malawi** that you will fundraise so that the team can take some money over for your church.

Thank you for your consideration and we need all performers names and acts in to us no later than **Monday 20th of February**.

Thank you

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Rev P Jill Clancy
Minister of Annbank I/w Tarbolton Parish Church of Scotland Interim Moderator
of Coyton I/w Drongan Parish Church of Scotland and Part-time Chaplain at HMP
Kilmarnock

A letter addressed to Girvan North Parish Church has been received and reads as follows:

"You welcomed us with open arms and made us feel at home in your congregation. In your warm embrace you have helped us strengthen our Christian faith and move forward in life with a passion for praise. We have listened to the Gospels and to Richard's weekly sermons. We have heard the Choir sing hymns and rejoiced at how Marie made the organ sing. We have listened to the excited chatter amongst the congregation before and after each service. We have watched the excitement among the Sunday School children and seen the dedication of the Boy's Brigade and Girl's Brigade. We are so humble to have been part of it.

Thank you all for allowing us to be part of this wonderful church family. Ruth & Alan Bolland."

In recent times, in addition to the above, I have heard many comments from both members and visitors that Girvan North is such a friendly and happy Church. This is all down to you, the Congregation, so our thanks to you all. Give yourselves a pat on the back & keep up the good work.

Ron Gibson

Session Clerk

Wednesday Break Service

If you have missed a Sunday service or you would like to know more of the Bible teaching, this is the perfect place to be midweek.

Our Wednesday morning service begins at 10.30 am in the small hall. It is a very informal service lasting half an hour, followed by tea/coffee and a chat.

Richard, Eric, Stuart and Anne take it in turns to lead worship – Kathleen picks our praises relating to the day's lesson.

We are making our way through the parables in Luke's Gospel. The new year has seen us look at the Lost Son, the Shrewd Manager, the Rich Man and Lazurus and the Persistent Widow.

Prayer Topics February 2017

1. The Leprosy Mission – Myanmar

To maintain leprosy expertise in Myanmar, TLM works with orthopaedic and hand surgeons to increase interest in reconstructive surgery in their daily practice. A partnership with Hands Across Borders brings visiting surgical teams to Myanmar to provide training in reconstructive surgery and hand therapy. Pray for high enthusiasm and that professionals who are trained will continue to help people affected by leprosy. TLM's Early Childhood project helps young children with developmental delays, malnutrition, chronic illnesses, disabilities and atypical behaviours. Coordination of Government and other stakeholders is challenging. Pray that all will keep this project as a priority. Mawlyine Christian Leprosy Hospital is one of only two leprosy hospitals in Myanmar. Pray that the hospital will secure funding for the next five years. Only then can it implement recommendations to improve the quality of services and as an organisation.

2. Mission Aviation Fellowship – South Sudan

Orphaned by war and abandoned by her husband, Beatrice had to rebuild her life from scratch. Thanks to a microloan from MAF parent Seed Effect, she now runs a small restaurant where she ensures there's a Bible on every table! Give thanks for resourceful women like Beatrice who, with a little help, have lifted themselves out of poverty.

Kuron Peace Village was born out of a dream of South Sudan's many tribes living together in harmony. Pray that this vision will become a reality across South Sudan with unity, healing and restoration replacing division and strife.

3 Open Doors – Maldives

Maldives is a beautiful island, famous as a tourist destination, but it has been in the top 15 countries on the World Watch List for many years. There is no church there, so the handful of Christian believers must meet in secret. Being a Maldivian means being a Muslim and sharing Jesus with a Maldivian Muslim is highly risky and fraught with danger. Many Maldivians feel trapped on the island and want to leave because there is no freedom. Young people in particular seek solace in smoking and drugs. Drug abuse has become the biggest societal issue in the country and brings with it crime and gang-

related violence. Also there is no complete Bible in Dhivehi language. Ask God to send missionaries and evangelists with a heart to reach Maldivians with the Gospel.

- 4 As much of the world rushes on heedless of the outcome of ignoring our Thank God continually for the freedom we have in this country to live and believe and move as we will. It's so easy to take it all for granted, as our right. Pray for countries that God brings to mind where the situation is very different, e.g. Syria, Iraq, Iran, Eritrea and North Korea, to name but a few. As God to melt the hearts of their leaders and open their eyes to see their people and their suffering, as He sees them and act accordingly, to bring relief to them.

Pray about our church heating system, that the needed work will be done as soon as possible and fixed permanently.

Ask God to give us a greater realisation of the importance of regular daily prayer and our responsibility as followers of Christ, to engage in it on behalf of others as well as our own situation.

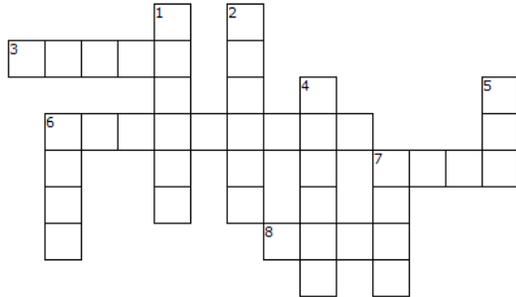
As we read the Scriptures and open our minds to what the Spirit may say to us, ask God for a willingness to surrender to Him anything we are holding onto which is hindering us from becoming more like Christ.

Pray for Pastor Richard and Margie for health and strength, wisdom, guidance and encouragement as they teach, counsel and comfort us. Pray that God will sustain and renew them physically, mentally and spiritually and to God be all the glory.

Jars of Grace

As you know, this year it has been agreed that the proceeds from the Jars of Grace will be donated to Girvan Youth Trust. The counting of the coins took place on Sunday 29th January, after morning worship. The amount raised was £697.30. A big thank you to

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. A condition when the body temperature is higher than normal
6. A place of meeting for worship in the Jewish faith
7. The body part used for holding things
8. To cure from sickness or disease

DOWN

1. To deliver a sermon
2. Evil spirits
4. The time of day when the sun disappears below the horizon
5. A piece of furniture for sleeping
6. To be ill or have a disease
7. To give assistance; to aid

FEVER	HEAL	HAND	BED	SYNAGOGUE
SICK	HELP	PREACH	DEMONS	SUNSET



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Children's Worship Bulletin

Show Others You Care

Mark 1:29-39

Word Search Puzzle

V S H Z X U C N P N O D N J S
 I I Z J C R R T Q E M K K J I
 L M V J E H D B E D O C G F C
 L O I O X P N E Q B S P I C V
 A N P P S I C K R L Y D L Z Y
 G L R J Z W E W K R N X J E N
 E V E N I N G H O A A A G O G
 S C A V D Z X O H R G N H Y U
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 F O D L L S D E M O N S D S S
 M H H B E I U H S M I U F E J
 R N Z E A D P S F E V E R T A

FEVER	SIMON	HAND	DOOR	ANDREW
SUNSET	VILLAGES	PREACH	BED	DEMONS
JOHN	SYNAGOGUE	PEOPLE	JESUS	HELPED
HEALED	TOWN	EVENING	JAMES	SICK

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Coloring Page

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
O	U	I	K	Q	A	W	V	J	N	F	H	D	M	Y	R	X	Z	G	L	P	E	T	S	C	B

- 11-22-8-22-16 _____
- 8-3-20-20-6-19-22 _____
- 21-16-6-15 _____
- 14-1-16-10-3-10-19 _____
- 24-2-10-24-22-23 _____
- 12-22-6-20-22-13 _____
- 13-22-14-1-10-24 _____
- 12-6-10-13 _____
- 21-16-22-6-25-12 _____
- 24-3-25-4 _____

HEALED	FEVER	MORNING	DEMONS	VILLAGE
SICK	PRAY	SUNSET	HAND	PREACH



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