

## Church Register

Deaths:

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

Alex Kyle

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Janette Robertson will be in the Office – Tuesday 10.00 am – 12 noon & Friday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm. All items for the Pew Leaflet should be given to Janette, or posted through the office door. Please note that articles for inclusion in the Sunday Pew Leaflet must be with Janette no later than 11.00 am on the preceding Friday.

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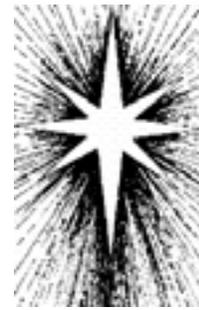
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### ***EDITOR’S NOTE:***

All articles for the June 2017 issue of the Church Magazine should be given to the Editor by Sunday 28th May 2017



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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!

## Grace & Peace to you this Easter Season,

As we continue in the Easter Season I thought that Luke 24:13 to 35, which is referred to as the Emmaus Road passage, would be worthy of our attention as it is one of the most gripping stories in all of the Bible. You will remember that two disciples are heading from Jerusalem to Emmaus, and they are talking about everything that has happened since the crucifixion of Jesus when they are joined by Him, but are prevented from recognizing him.

**It is a fascinating picture that Luke paints here. Read the story as written by Max Lucado: “Two of Jesus’ disciples tell how the last nail has been driven into Israel’s coffin. God, in disguise, listens patiently, his wounded hands buried deeply in his robe. He must have been touched at the faithfulness of this pair. Yet he also must have been a bit chagrined. He had just gone to hell and back to give heaven to earth, and these two were worried about the political situation of Israel. ‘But we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.’”**

Hope, is something that all of us at one time or another have heard or expressed. “We were hoping she would be released from hospital.” “I had hoped to pass the exam.” “We had hoped the surgery would get all the tumor.” “I had hoped that the job was mine.” All of these sentences express hopes which have ultimately been dashed, which have not come to fruition, and when our hopes are shattered the foundation of our life is truly shaken. Like the disciples we tramp up the road to Emmaus dragging our feet and wondering what we did to deserve such a predicament. We sometimes even ask the question: “What kind of God would let me down like this?” However, sometimes limited by what we can’t see, we fail to recognize that God could be the person walking right next to us.

The disciples who were going to Emmaus were like that, in that they were not short of faith but vision. Their hopes were limited because

they failed to see beyond their immediate circumstances to the greater picture, and the reality is we are often not much different. We find ourselves wallowing in self-pity when we ask God for something and He doesn’t answer as we expected. Have we ever considered that God might not give us what we hope for because that would not be his best for us? Or that what we hope for is really not what is the best thing to hope for?

As Max Lucado says: **“Hope is not what you expect; it is what you would never dream. It is a wild, improbable tale with a pinch-me-I’m-dreaming ending. It’s Abraham adjusting his bifocals so he can see not his grandson, but his son. It’s Moses standing in the promised land not with Aaron or Miriam at his side, but with Elijah and the transfigured Christ. It’s Zechariah left speechless at the sight of his wife Elizabeth, gray-headed and pregnant. And it is the two Emmaus-bound pilgrims reaching out to take a piece of bread only to see that the hands from which it is offered are pierced.”**

The truth is that hope is not to be considered as a favour to be granted by an all powerful and loving heavenly Father, but hope, when seen with the eyes of Jesus, is to practice dependence on a God who loves to surprise us and then be there in the flesh to see our reaction.

May God fill you with shalom and hope, Pastor Richard

### **Alpha Course:**

The Alpha Course began on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April in the Lesser Hall at 12 noon. A lunch will be provided and we will continue for another 8 weeks. If you wish to join us, you will be made most welcome.

Shalom Pastor Richard

## Christian Aid

Christian Aid will be running a Charity Shop this year in **85 Dalrymple Street** from 7<sup>th</sup> May until 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017.



All donations of goods, except electrical goods, are welcome. There will be no door to door collections this year, however, envelopes will still be available in the Church if anyone still wishes to donate this way, or just give a cash donation.

Anne Fisher (715792)  
Hannah Laird (713657)

## Ladies Afternoon Badminton Club

The Afternoon Badminton Club finished for the summer break on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 with our A.G.M.

With the passing of our President/Treasurer, Margaret MacLucas – Sylvia Stewart was elected as our new President/Treasurer.

Many thanks to all our ladies for their continued support and friendship in the running of the Club.

The new session starts on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Further details will be in the September magazine.

Nancy Stewart  
Secretary

## Church Calendar

Sunday`	7 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> May	BB/GB Closing Parade	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> May	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> June	Morning Worship	To be confirmed

**[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]**

Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> May	Congregational Board followed by Kirk Session	7.00 pm
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## Wednesday Break Service

We are looking at the miracles in the Gospel of Mark. Jesus not only had the power to heal, but he could command evil spirits to leave the afflicted and forgive sins. His 'miracles' allowed people to 'reclaim' their lives and make them whole.

Each week we have a different speaker – Richard, Stuart, Eric or Anne, all with a different outlook on life and their own stamp on God's message.

If you are unable to attend church on a Sunday, why not come to the Wednesday Break in the small hall for 10.30 am. The service lasts half an hour – including 4 hymns chosen by Kathleen – followed by tea/coffee and a chat. It's friendly, it's informal, and we would love to see you.

## Crèche Rota

7 <sup>th</sup> May	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Arlene McGarragle, Susan Brown
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Lorraine Reid, Leslie Forbes
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Margaret Nicol, Rhona MacKinnon
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Lauren Gibson, Diane Irvine

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](mailto:Wells1969@hotmail.co.uk)

## Spring Fayre:

The Church Spring Fayre will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 10.30 am – 1.00 pm. Tickets cost £2.00 and includes refreshments. We will be having our usual stalls, including Home Baking, Handicrafts, Jewellery, Cards, Plants, Bric-A-Brac, new or nearly new clothes and books.

The Church Hall will be open on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 7.00 – 8.00 pm for anyone wishing to hand in goods for the stalls.



“AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:4  
GIRVAN NORTH PARISH CHURCH

Pentecost,  
the birth  
of the  
Church

Come  
Celebrate  
with US!

Join us for soup  
& birthday cake

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

At 12:05p.m.

Girvan North Parish Church  
In the Large Hall



## **Prayer Topics May 2017**

### **1. The Leprosy Mission – Nepal**

Anandaban Hospital sees up to 2,000 recurring reaction and ulcer patients throughout the year. A fellowship takes place every Tuesday evening at the hospital. Staff and patients pray together and amongst people with similar issues, patients open up and express their concerns, discuss day-to-day issues they face and share advice. Pray for the continuation of this fellowship which provides emotional and spiritual support to patients at Anandaban. Medical Director, Dr. Indra Hapit and his team of doctors and nurses maintain a very busy Operation Theatre with more than 1,500 surgeries per year. Pray that God will give them strength and bless their hands and that they will be able to work together with the hospital team to transform more people's lives.

### **2. Mission Aviation Fellowship - Bangladesh**

Praise God that although 2 and a half years old Bappi's club foot stopped him from walking or play with other children, an MAF flight to Friendship's floating hospital enabled him to receive corrective surgery. Give thanks for the life-c hanging procedures that take place because of the ships, doctors and nurses and our amphibious aircraft. MAF's twice weekly shuttle service along the Jamuna River in Northern Bangladesh began in October 2016. Pray that vital healthcare services will continue to be established along the route.

Roughly 1.5 million of Bangladesh's poor are forced to set up home on river islands or chars. When the rivers flood their possessions are swept away and their crops are ruined. Pray that as we provide assistance to those who have lost everything, they will be able to join us in saying that "God was their Rock, that God Most High was their Redeemer" (Psalm 78: 35)

### **3 Open Doors - Azerbaijan**

Pray for Pastor Mehman and Pastor Gamid who have been fined around £700 each for holding religious meeting without official registration. They continue to face threats from the police. Pray for protection for these men and their families and for ways to continue meeting with the Christians in their village.

Pray also for Guzal, a believer from a Muslim background whose husband

Asad came to faith through her witness. When their relatives and neighbours reacted badly, he hardened his heart. Now he forbids Guzal to go to Church, meet believers or read the Bible. Pray for Guzal's security, that she will find ways to meet with other believers and that God will draw Asad back to Himself.

Give God thanks for His many blessings. Pray for those severely affected by famine, asking that they might be provided for and that where drought is ruining crops, God would send rain.

Pray for the General Assembly and all who will take part. Pray that they will prepare themselves by prayer and heart searching and be ready to respond to the Word of the Lord in true repentance concerning the state of His church today...Pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit to be very real in the meetings, moving hearts and emphasizing the centrality and vital importance of Scripture in our whole living today.

Thank God for all who help in the work of the church here. Pray this month for those who produce our beautiful flower arrangements week by week, those who serve tea and coffee after services, and Janette in the office. Pray for the Alpha Course, Brigade Displays our Spring Fayre and all involved in these. As always, uphold Pastor Richard and Margie in every aspect of their ministry. Pray that there will be fruit for their labours and that the Holy Spirit will be seen to be greatly at work in our midst as we seek wholeheartedly to honour Him and do His will.

### **Praying Across Scotland:**

A Service will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00 pm in Muirkirk Parish Church to pray for the business of the General Assembly and for its' Commissioner.

### **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.