

Church Register

Deaths:

"The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want"

Connie McClung
Margaret McKenzie
Jacqueline Dripps
Maureen McGeechan

Nursing Home, Ayr
Shalloch Square
Troweir Road
Glendoune Street

Marriages:

"Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love"

Harry Sheddon and Amy Scobie

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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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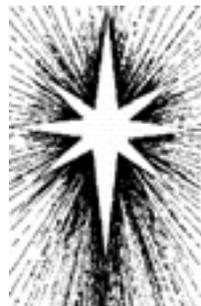
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Blythswood Care

We have resumed our collection for Blythswood, 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 all this Pentecost Season,

Fifty days after the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ the promise he spoke of in John's gospel, where he said: **“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”** ESV John 15:26–27 was fulfilled. Prior to the coming of Christ the Holy Spirit had only been given as and when God determined he was required. Whereas now the Holy Spirit is given to all who trust and have faith in the Lord Jesus. In other words as one commentator said: “Pentecost is the final—but vital—link in the chain that moves us from a terrified, timid group of disciples before Jesus' death to the powerful, confident proclaimers of good news throughout the whole world.”

After Pentecost, the disciples spread throughout the world proclaiming the good news of Jesus whatever the cost. They became inspiring and confident communicators, infused with joy and enthusiasm. It is easy to attribute this solely to the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, but to do so would be to misunderstand the chain of events that leads up to this point. Jesus' death destroyed all the disciples' expectations about who he was. The resurrection put these expectations back together again in a different order and helped them to understand who Jesus really was. The ascension opened up a space that required them to act and, finally, the coming of the Holy Spirit gave them the ability to do so. Pentecost was a vital link in the chain but not the only one in the disciples' growth towards transformation.

Way back in 1993 I had the privilege of meeting Joni Eareckson Tada whom I think reveals the reality of living a Holy Spirit filled life. A 1967 diving accident left, then-seventeen-year-old, Joni a quadriplegic. As she lay in a hospital bed, she was filled with an overwhelming desire to end her life. What overwhelmed her was the thought of spending the rest of her years paralyzed from the neck

down and relying on others to care for her basic needs. However, God intervened and instead of ending her life that day, she chose to surrender it to God. Joni's surrendering resulted in the Spirit of God transforming her into one of the godliest women ever to grace this earth. God gave her a humility and a love that enables her to look beyond her own pain and to see others' hurts. She is a person who consistently “in humility count[s] others more significant” than herself (an embodiment of Philippians 2:3).

In the years since then Joni has accomplished much to and for the glory of God. During her rehabilitation she spent many hours learning to paint with a brush held between her teeth. Her detailed paintings and prints are now highly sought after. Her international best-selling autobiography, Joni, was later made into a full-length feature film. She founded Joni and Friends in 1979 to increase Christian ministry to the disabled community throughout the world. The organization led to the establishment in 2007 of the Joni and Friends International Disability Center, which currently impacts thousands of families around the globe.

Each week, more than a million people listen to her daily five-minute radio program, Joni and Friends. The organization she started serves hundreds of special-needs families through family retreats across the United States & through Wheels for the World, wheelchairs are collected nationwide, refurbished by inmates in several correctional facilities, and then shipped and donated to developing nations where, whenever possible, physical therapists fit each chair to a disabled child or adult who is in need. As of 2008, Wheels for the World had cumulatively distributed 52,342 wheelchairs to 102 countries and trained hundreds of ministry and community leaders, including people with disabilities.

Joni shares not only her Christian testimony but a biblical perspective on right-to-life issues that affect the disabled population. And on top of all that, Joni has written more than thirty-five books. Yet it is not because of those accomplishments that Joni should be considered a truly Spirit-filled person. In fact, it has nothing to do

with all she's accomplished but rather has to do with the fact that you can't spend ten minutes with Joni before she breaks out in song, quotes Scripture, or shares a touching and timely word of encouragement. The fruit of the Spirit is so evident in her life it is truly remarkable.

Pentecost is the celebration of God's gift of the Holy Spirit to those who trust in Him. I invite you to ask the Holy Spirit on a daily basis to continue to transform you and bear fruit in your life, because the reality is that without His continual presence we are unable to truly fulfil all that God calls us to do. And that is what we are celebrating at our lunch on June 11th after the service.

May God fill you with His Spirit again and again,

Pastor Richard



"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!

Wednesday Break Service

Our final meeting before the summer break is Wednesday 14th June. As is our custom, we meet for 11.00 am that day. Richard will lead the service and conduct communion. This will be followed by a light lunch. We meet again in early September.

Join us for soup
& birthday cake

Sunday 11th June

At 12:05p.m.

Girvan North Parish Church
In the Large Hall



Church Calendar

Ecumenical Songs of Praise

We will be hosting a Songs of Praise on Sunday 25th June 2017 at 7.00 pm. (Doors open 6.30 pm). The hymns will be chosen by the congregation – please bring an envelope with a donation and give the name of your favourite hymn with a note of the no. in CH3 or CMP and the preferred tune (if known).

Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall from 7.45 – 8.15 pm.

Proceeds are in aid of Church Funds.

Baby and Toddler Group

We continue to have a great time every Tuesday morning between 9.30 and 11.00 am. Mums, dads and grandparents have time to chat while the children play. Our last session will be on Tuesday 27th June and we will return on Tuesday 5th September. We will be delighted to see everyone then.

Choir

The Choir practise has stopped for the summer and will start again at the end of August. Further details will be given in the Pew Leaflet at that time.

Sunday`	4 th June	Morning Worship	Rev. Rhona Young
Sunday	11 th June	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	18 th June	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	25 th June	Sacrament of Holy Communion	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	2 nd July	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat

[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]

Crèche Rota

4 th June	Lauren Borland, Diane Irvine
11 th June	Yuna McLeod, Michelle Scobie
18 th June	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
25 th June	Arlene McGarragle, Susan Brown
2 nd July	Lorraine Reid, Leslie Forbes

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:

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18th April 2017

Dear Jim,

North Parish Church
Jars of Grace Appeal 2017

With reference to the above and in furtherance to your letter dated, 21st March 2017 and to our subsequent conversations I now confirm receipt of your cheque for £641.30p (six hundred forty one pounds and thirty pence)

The Trust has decided that this kind donation by the North parish Church congregation will be used to help finance our 7week 'Bucket and Spade' activities and Children's entertainment programme on Girvan seafront between June and August. The aim of this programme is of course to ensure that 'A Day at the Seaside' continues to be a 'Lifelong Memory' for everyone but especially for local and visiting young children.

Our achieving this aim and successful delivery of traditional seaside entertainment would of course not be possible without the support extended to us by the wider community. To this end I, on behalf of everyone at Girvan Youth Trust, would like to offer our grateful and heart felt thanks to the North Parish Church congregation for this kind and very much appreciated donation.

We look forward to seeing members of the congregation on the promenade this summer.

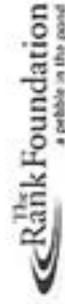
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2nd Girvan Girls Brigade

We recently had our annual trip on Saturday 6th May. We went with the Boys Brigade to the Cream O' Galloway Visitor Centre at Gatehouse of Fleet.

The sun shone all day and we had lots of fun in the indoor and outdoor adventure playgrounds, on the pedal carts and eating lots of tasty ice cream!

On Monday 8th May we held our annual display night which as always was a fun filled evening. The company will celebrate its 40th Birthday later this year in November and so our display involved some elements of Girls' Brigade from days gone by to kick start our celebrations.

The trophies winners were as follows:

Explorer Shield: Isla Thomson

Junior Shield: Briony Farrell & Summer Kennedy

Brigadier Shield: Emilee Hamilton

Special Achievement Award: Mikeleigh Simpson

2nd Girvan Girls' Brigade would also like to wish Mr Robert Jess and Mr Billy Martin all the very best in their retirement from the 1st Girvan Boys Brigade. Your dedication and commitment to the Boys Brigade has been outstanding with both of you dedicating many years of hard work. Congratulations!

Girls Brigade will resume after the summer on Monday 4th September. Look out for announcements coming out in the new session to celebrate our 40th Birthday!

Many thanks for your continued support!

Lauren Borland
Lieutenant

1st Girvan Boy's Brigade

1st Girvan Boys Brigade held their annual Display and Parents night on Thursday 11th May. The Inspecting Officer was Mr John Inglis who is President of Ayr Battalion of the Boy's Brigade.

The evening started with the raising of the flag, Anchor Boy Daniel Ollerman read the Anchor Boy Prayer and this was followed by the singing of the 23rd Psalm.

The Inspecting Officer then inspected the Sections and this was followed by figure marching from Junior Section, and Company Drill.

The Junior Section played various games and Mrs Inglis helped with prize-giving.

The evening finished with a prayer from Cooper McClymont from the Company Section.

The minister, Rev. Richard Moffat had a few words for the boys and he thanked Robert Jess and Warrant Officer Billy Martin who were retiring after 36 and 34 years respectively.

The Closing Parade was held on Sunday 14th May. The new session will start in September. The new Captain is Kevin Borland.

Prayer Topics June 2017

1. The Leprosy Mission – Ethiopia

Pray for the people we serve in Ethiopia, that their lives will not only be transformed through medical, social and economic interventions, but that they will meet Jesus. As a drought prone country, pray for Ethiopia and those affected, especially the most vulnerable people such as children and the very disabled and elderly affected by leprosy. Pray for a new project implemented by Boru Meda Hospital. Pray for the training of health centre staff and health extension workers, that the new knowledge will be put into practice at both the health centre and community level.

2. Mission Aviation Fellowship - Mongolia

Praise God for regular MAF flights for Reaching the Light (RTL) which helps children with developmental challenges and disabilities to receive therapy at the NGO's centre in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Pray that through the witness of RTL staff, families will receive help and follow Jesus. When MAF partner Nurses Heart to Heart (NHTH) TAUGHT Mongolian medics how to perform CPR, the participants were also offered a Bible. Pray that NHTH's spiritual and physical witness will breathe life into dry bones. Give thanks for the aircraft which made this possible.

3 Open Doors – Bhutan and Jordan

Praise God for the release of three believers arrested in Bhutan for distributing tracts. They spent almost a month in jail, in rooms that had no electricity and had no contact with anyone. Pray for their physical and spiritual recovery.

Pray for the protection and healing for Christian converts in Jordan, interrogated by police and abused or abducted by family members. Pray that the refugee crisis would provide an opportunity for churches to share God's love. Pray that Muslims would be touched by the love of their Christian neighbours and drawn to Christ.

As we give praise and thanks to God for the beauty of the world around us and all his blessings, let us bring before Him all who are suffering in mind or body following the tragedy in Manchester. Pray for healing and comfort for them at this time.

May 27th starts the month of Ramadan when Muslims spend much time in prayer and fasting. Pray that God will reveal Himself to them in dreams and visions (on which they set much store) and that many souls will come to trust in Christ for salvation.

Pray concerning the outcome of the General Assembly. As the ways of this world subtly creep more and more into the life of the Church, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit takes second place to our own preconceived ideas of Bible truths, pray that God will break into our lives by His mighty power convicting, cleansing and reviving that we might become His holy people, obedient to His every word.

Pray especially for protection for all children as the holiday season approaches. Ask God to bless all summer camps and missions and cause His voice to be heard and responded to and that many people will become "a new creation" in Christ.

This month give God thanks and pray for our organist, session clerk, elders and church officer in their work. As always, Pastor Richard and Margie constantly need our prayers, so commit them daily to God for His inspiration, empowering, guidance and sustaining as they continue to lead us in the work of God's Kingdom.