

Church Register

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

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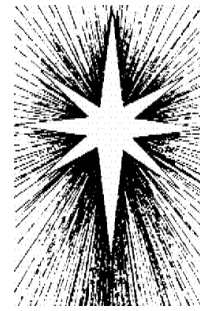
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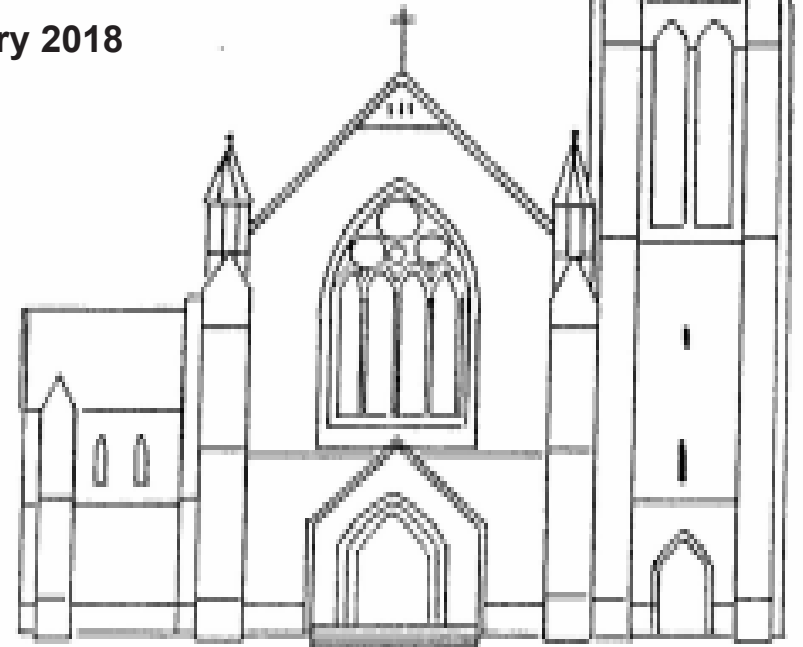
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Blythswood Care

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!

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to one and All,

Have you opened all your gifts this Christmas? Or are you like one pastor's son? He shares:

"I gave birth to a son who just doesn't understand gifts. My wife and I would go out when he was a little guy to buy what we thought was the [perfect] gift. He would tear open the gift, and he'd end up playing with the box. It drove us crazy. We decided on Christmas that we were going to find ... the gift of gifts that he would not be able to resist. We shopped and shopped. We found the gift. We were so excited. We were much more excited at that moment when the gift came out from under the tree and he was about to unwrap it—much more excited than he would have ever been. He ripped open the gift like a little boy would ... and, actually got out this toy and began to play with it. I had a feeling of such victory. I went into the kitchen to get something to drink, was in there for a few minutes, and came out and he was sitting in the box. I couldn't believe it." (**From Playing with the box, Paul Tripp, Gospel Coalition.**)

Gifts are wonderful, enjoyable, and I really love opening them to see what I have been given to wear, or to eat, or to use or to enjoy. However, one thing is always clear if I don't open the gift it is of no real value. So it is with the gifts that God has given to each and everyone of us. Paul says: "**Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.**" The English Standard Version. (2016). (1 Co 12:4–7). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles. In these verses Paul is telling us that the Holy Spirit operates within us to serve God and accomplish all that He has planned for us. As we head into the New Year we may not know what it holds but, one thing is certain, you and I are intended to contribute to the good plan

of God, by telling others about the God who loves them and longs to bring them home. The session believes that with a new constitution and the new teams, we are going to have the opportunity to make an impact both within and outside the Church. Each of the teams be it Fundraising, Activities, Communications and Events, Worship, Outreach and Mission, Christian Education/Discipleship or Pastoral Care will provide us new opportunities to serve God in a way which takes into consideration how each of us is gifted. They will provide a way for all of us to serve God within the church and in the community. In today's culture there are many, many people who do not even know that Jesus Christ was a real historical figure, there are many who desperately need help and we believe these new teams will help us to make a difference in their lives.

If we want the church to continue to move forward we require to do some new things and we believe the teams will help us to do that. In the New Year we will share more about what the teams are going to be attempting and the opportunities that will be available for everyone to help. We simply ask that you would prayerfully consider which team(s) your gift(s) could help as they seek to accomplish the plans that are laid out.

I am excited about what God is doing and even more excited about the potential of what God is going to do as we all come together using our gifts to complement each other and for the good of all.

Grace and peace and God's richest blessing in the New Year.

Pastor Richard

F W O Envelopes

Anyone wishing to make their offering to the Church by using the weekly Free Will Offering system and would like a set of envelopes, please contact their district Elder or Agnes Gibson at 479206.

Church Calendar

Sunday`	7 th January	Morning Worship	Rev. Rona Young
Sunday	14 th January	Morning Worship	Rev Rona Young
Sunday	21 st January	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	28 th January	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	4 th February	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat

[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]

Monday	22 ^d January	Kirk Session Meeting	7.00 pm
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Flower Calendar

The Flower Calendar for 2018 is now available in the Vestibule for those who wish to put their names against specific dates. The flowers in Church are very much appreciated by the Congregation and by those members who receive them after the Service. Sincere thanks are also due to all the ladies who arrange the flowers and to the ladies and gentlemen who deliver them. Thank you all.

Agnes Gibson

Unitary Constitution

Our decision to change from a Model Constitution to a Unitary Constitution was confirmed by Ayr Presbytery on Tuesday 5th December 2017. Our 5 new Action Teams all met informally during December to make preparations for this new way of operating as from 1st January 2018. Each Action Team is responsible for a distinct area of church life but final decisions on all matters still lies with the Kirk Session. Elders and Board members have been allocated to the following Action Teams. The Finance, Fabric and Nomination Teams remain unchanged.

Fundraising, Activities and Communication

Leader Margaret Grassom, Depute Agnes Gibson
Billy Benson, Alec Clark, Ian Fitzimmons, Fiona McCutcheon, Arlene McGarragle, Janette Robertson, Matthew Scobie, Barbara Sloan, Maureen Stowers, Fiona Tudhope, Irene Tyson.

Christian Education and Discipleship

Leader Robert Jess Depute Margaret Nicol
Isobel Bone, Sconaid Clark, Tina Ingram, Diane Irvine, Billy Leith, Rhona Mackinnon, Pauline Rattray.

Pastoral Care

Leader Margaret Benson Depute Joyce Mills
June Allison, Janet Arthur, Violet Connor, Una Jess,
Jimmy Lindsay, Margaret Murdoch, Peter Noble.

Worship

Leader Stuart Kirkpatrick Depute Louise Lindsay
Kathleen Byers, Elizabeth Dunlop, Anne Johnston,
Eric Mackinnon, Jim McTaggart, Jennifer Ramsay.

Outreach and Mission

Leader Robert Bone Depute Mandy Mc Glaughlan
Hannah Laird, Norma Logan, Jean Morris, Jim Fairbairn,
Anne Fisher, Findlay Mills, Sandra Smith.

Action Teams will keep members updated with regular reports in North Star.

Number Quiz

Enjoy

Example 24 = H in a D (Hours in a Day)

1. 3 = B M (S H T R)
2. 90 = D in a R A
3. 64 = S on a C B
4. 8 = L on a S
5. 52 = W in the Y
6. 13 = L in a B D
7. 8 = T on an O
8. 18 = H on a G C
9. 36 = B K on a P
10. 15 = P in a R U T
11. 101 = D in a W D F
12. 29 = D in F in a L Y
13. 26 = L in the A
14. 147 = M B in S
15. 12 = S on a N P C

JARS OF GRACE

This year our Jars of Grace are to support the BUYMSHAPPEAL. The contents of the jars will be counted after morning worship on Sunday 14th January 2018. Please return your jar by then. Thank you.

G.R.O.W(God Revive Our World)

We would love you to join us for a time of teaching, testimony, worship and fellowship at our next G.R.O.W event (formerly known as Flourish Women). G.R.O.W stands for "God Revive Our World". The prayer of our hearts.

This is on Saturday 20th January 2018 at The Carrick Centre, Maypole from 9.30am until 3.30pm. Tickets are £11 and include morning coffee on arrival and lunch.

To purchase tickets (or for more info) please email grow.ministry@outlook.com or contact us on 07938739675.

We look forward to seeing you then and would appreciate if you could pass this information on to the ladies in your church.

God bless.
G.R.O.W team.

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Sunday School

We have been hearing of the wonderful story of the Birth of Jesus in past few weeks, and this has been getting us excited for Christmas. We had a very fun time at the pantomime on 3rd December at the Gaiety - Cinderella was showing. Prior to the Nativity story, we were hearing of the story of Abram and Sara. They changed their names to Abraham and Sarah as a sign that they followed God and listened to Him. We made pictures with stars and wrote 'God Keeps His Promises'.

Answers To December Quiz

	Anagram	Christmas Carol/Song
1	JILL BEGS LEN (2)	Jingle Bells
2	KNEEL DOTTILY (2)	Little Donkey
3	MANAGE RAIN WAY (4)	Away in a Manger
4	THIS WARM ETHICS (2)	White Christmas
5	HARDY SYMBOLIC (3)	Mary's Boy Child
6	WILD RENOWNED RANT(2)	Winter Wonderland
7	THY LION HOG (3)	O Holy Night
8	LIFT SHELTER NOW (3)	The First Noel
9	SONIC GAS KNOWLEDGE (3)	Good King Wenceslas
10	HID HEALTHY NOVELTY (5)	The Holly and the Ivy
11	TINSEL TWO (3))	Let It Snow
12	DEPLORED, HE IS THE ODDER RUN- NER (5)	Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
13	TROUBLEDLY TRIM ME(3)	Little Drummer Boy
14	SWEET GHERKIN (3)	We Three Kings
15	EARTH SHAKING DANGER SHELL (5)	Hark the Herald Angels Sing
16	HANDWRITTEN BIKE MILE (4)	In the Bleak Midwinter
17	THE CHALK SLED (3)	Deck the Halls
18	TO WISHY WASHY RARE CRUMMIES (6)	We Wish You A Merry Christmas

S C C T

South Carrick Churches Together are holding a service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Sacred Hearts Church on Sunday 21st January at 7.00 pm. All are very welcome – please come along and share in this united service. The service this year has been written in the Caribbean and is entitled ‘That All May Be Free’.

Will Your Light Shine?

Several centuries ago in a mountain village in Germany, a wealthy nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave to his townsfolk. He decided to build them a church. No one was allowed to see the plans or the inside of the church until it was finished. At its grand opening, the people gathered and marvelled at the beauty of the new building. Everything had been thought of and included. It was a masterpiece. But then someone said, “But, wait a minute! Where are the lamps? It is really quite dark in here. How will the church be lit?”

The nobleman pointed to some ornate brackets on the walls, and then he gave each household a lamp which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship.

“Each time you are here,” the nobleman said, “the place where you are seated will be lighted. Each time you are not here, that place will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to Church, some part of the House of God will be in darkness.”

We pray that your presence will light up Girvan North in 2018.

Crèche Rota

7 th January	Yuna McLeod, Michelle Scobie
14 th January	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
21 st January	Arlene McGarragle, Susan Brown
28 th January	Lorraine Reid, Leslie Forbes
4 th February	Margaret Nicoll, 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

Alternative Gift Cards

We have alternative Gift Cards for sale again this year, to help our partner church in Malawi. This year with the money raised, we intend to buy much needed seed and fertiliser. The cards, at £5 each, can be bought from Sandra Smith.

The Lord has said, "Come follow me."

Man replies, "Just let me be."

The Lord says the meaning of riches is naught;

Man says, "I need all these things I bought."

Always there's conflict between the divine

And man declaring, "This thing is MINE!"

But some day when all is stripped away,

All the riches and glory of this present day,

Then, with soul trembling, you'll hear the Lord say,

"What good did you do along your earthly way?"

And then only God's amazing grace

Will allow you to enter His Holy place. (Elizabeth Ruth)

Wednesday Break Service

During Advent we looked at parts of the Christmas story perhaps we have glanced over in the past.

In January we continue with the remaining Fruit of the Spirit – faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

We are led by our worship team – Richard, Eric, Stuart and Anne, while Kathleen picks the praises for that particular passage.

New Year is a time for you to come and join our group. Our services begin at 10.30 am in the small hall with tea/coffee to follow. We begin again on 17th January 2018.

Prayer Topics January 2018

1. The Leprosy Mission

Pray for the Christian staff working in countries where Christians are persecuted or oppressed or where open Christian activities are illegal. Pray for God's protection and for wisdom as they show God's love through their actions and find safe opportunities to share their faith. Across TLM there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes, that has less direct contact with people affected by leprosy and yet is crucial to our work. Give thanks for office staff in less visible roles and pray that they would feel valued and know their impact on people's lives.

2. Open Doors – North Korea.

North Korea has been number 1 on the World Watch List since 2002, making it the most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian. Pray for courage and protection for tens of thousands of North Koreans who follow Jesus despite the risks. An estimated 50,000 to 70,000 Christians are incarcerated in labour camps. Ask God to strengthen them inwardly with His Spirit so that they may have great endurance and patience. Pray for refugees who are arrested in China and repatriated. Everyone who is sent back to North Korea will be tortured. Pray that they are able to withstand the torture so that they can keep their faith a secret if they have become Christians. Give thanks that despite the risks, the North Korean church is growing.

3. Mission Aviation Fellowship – Kenya

Praise God that outcast and vulnerable Maasai women are being equipped to provide for themselves, thanks to a bead work project run by long-term MAF partner Red Tribe. Pray that #God will use this initiative to bring new confidence to these precious women. Pray for the inhabitants of Kakuma refugee camp in Northern Kenya. Ask God to bring peace to those who have witnessed the most appalling atrocities – keeping them safe and enabling them to find fulfilment in Him. Drought in Kenya has devastated crops, leaving millions of people

at risk of malnutrition. Pray for sufficient rain to ensure that everyone has enough to eat this year.

4 At the start of another year, let us look back over the one that has gone and give grateful thanks and praise to God for His countless daily blessings in our lives. Remember before Him all people for whom this Christmas season has been particularly heart-breaking through the loss of a loved one, serious illness, accident, injury or the break-up of a family.

In the year ahead pray that we may have a deeper daily awareness of "Emmanuel" leading to a growing intimacy with our Heavenly Father and holier lives that please Him. May His will be our first priority. Pray that the love shown by our church fellowship may draw other people in. Pray for Pastor Richard and Margie as they take a well-earned break they much need. Ask for greatly improved health for Margie and that they both return thoroughly rested, refreshed, renewed and inspired.

Pray for our world torn apart by war, hatred and violence, dismissing God as totally irrelevant to modern life. Pray that He will intervene in some way, that revival will break out, bringing us to our knees in repentance before Him. Who is "King of kings, Lord of lords," and owning Him as Sovereign of our lives.

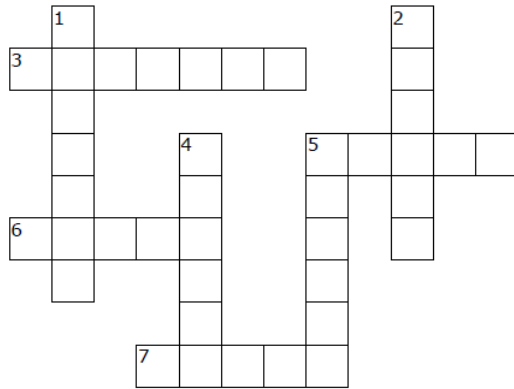
Choir

We meet each Thursday in the Memorial Chapel at 7.15 pm. Anyone interested in joining us will be most welcome.

Babies & Toddlers

We meet every Tuesday in the small hall from 9.30 – 11.00 am. Babies and Toddlers under 3 are very welcome. Our last session of the year will be our Christmas Party on 19th December. We look forward to seeing everyone again on 9th January.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. To be joined together as husband and wife
5. A heavenly being; a messenger for God
6. The son who was born to Mary
7. A very young person especially between infancy and youth

DOWN

1. The name of the angel who appeared to Mary
2. A young unmarried woman; a maiden
4. The man to whom Mary was engaged to marry
5. To be filled with fear

JOSEPH	MARRIED	AFRAID	VIRGIN
GABRIEL	CHILD	ANGEL	JESUS



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Children's Bulletin

An angel visits Mary

Lucas 1:26-38

Word Search

K V G J E U J H T U Z G T J N
 X I Y K V V V Z S H N U B K J
 P D N W U E J N F O R M O O B
 C J K G L L I O W N N O R S D
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ELIZABETH	JESUS	JOSEPH	BORN	AFRAID
SON	KINGDOM	DAVID	GABRIEL	BIRTH
MARY	TOWN	ANGEL	THRONE	VIRGIN

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Decoder Puzzle

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

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

- 18-4-25-1-11 _____
- 25-18-6-8-20-1-11 _____
- 14-20-8-25-20-4 _____
- 16-2-17-1-23-12 _____
- 26-18-8-22 _____
- 18-7-8-18-20-15 _____
- 6-20-8-10-12 _____
- 17-2-4 _____
- 16-1-17-3-17 _____
- 6-2-8-4 _____

GABRIEL	SON	MARY	BORN	VIRGIN
AFRAID	JOSEPH	ANGEL	BIRTH	JESUS

