

## Church Register

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

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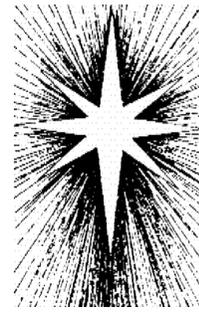
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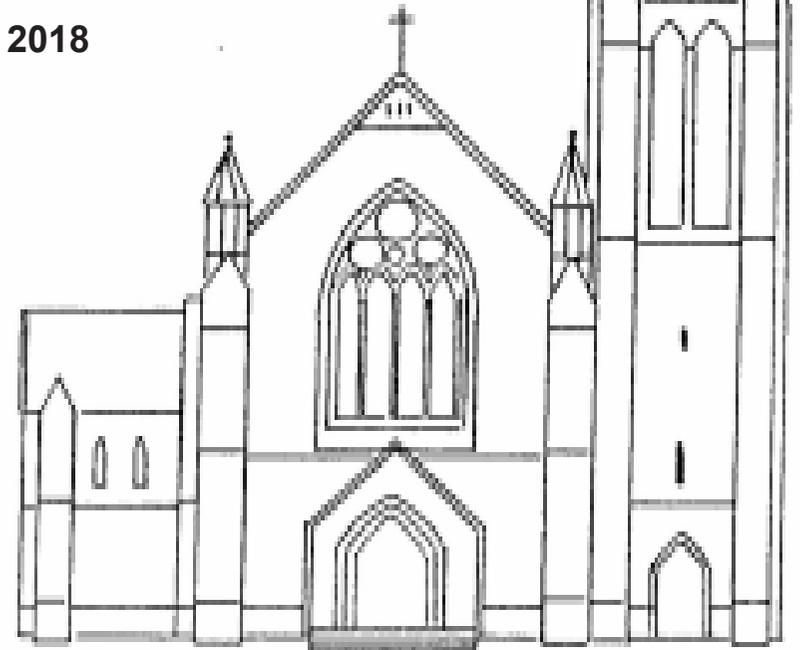
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## **Blythswood Care**

**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!

## **Greetings Fellow Saints,**

Over the years I have come across some wonderful stories which are meant to be shared to encourage us as we journey together to our ultimate destination, Heaven. The following true story about an ant, a contact lens, & a prayer is one such story.

Brenda was almost halfway to the top of the tremendous granite cliff. She was standing on a ledge where she was taking a breather during this, her first rock climb. As she rested there, the safety rope snapped against her eye and knocked out her contact lens.

“Great”, she thought. “Here I am on a rock ledge, hundreds of feet from the bottom and hundreds of feet to the top of this cliff, and now my sight is blurry.” She looked and looked, hoping that somehow it had landed on the ledge. But it just wasn’t there. She felt the panic rising in her, so she began praying. She prayed for calm, and she prayed that she may find her contact lens. When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but it was not to be found. Although she was calm now that she was at the top, she was saddened because she could not see clearly across the range of mountains. She thought of the bible verse “The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth.” She prayed, “Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me.

Later, when they had hiked down the trail to the bottom of the cliff they met another party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, “Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?” Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across a twig on the face of the rock, carrying it! The story doesn’t end there. Brenda’s father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a cartoon of an ant lugging that contact lens with the caption, “Lord, I don’t know why You want me to carry this thing. I can’t eat it, and it’s awfully heavy.

But if this is what You want me to do, I’ll carry it for You.”

Over the years I, as well as many others, have been given a burden to carry by God. Sometimes I know why and sometimes I haven’t a clue. In those situations it is wise to say, “God, I don’t know why You want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it’s awfully heavy. But, if You want me to carry it, I will.” The truth is that God doesn’t call the qualified, He qualifies the called. We see that reflected in the life of Paul who recognized that: “Without him (Christ), I am nothing, but with Him....I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.” (Phil. 4:13) Likewise Jesus does the same for each of us and the best way I know to carry a burden is to pray. In fact, there are countless people around the world who pray and keep alive the watch fires of faith by carrying burdens for God. They lift up a person to God and ask for blessings or protection or healing or peace or any other number of requests as they are directed by the Holy Spirit. On several occasions I, and others I know, have responded to such promptings only to discover later the person whose name I was given, the burden I was asked to carry, was in need of prayer.

In Romans 8:34 Paul tells us that Jesus intercedes for us and so we are not left alone to carry any burdens that God might give us. As we approach the most significant time of the Christian year will you join with our unnamed brothers and sisters around the world who also carry burdens for our Lord and Saviour?

Shalom,

Pastor Richard

## **Annual Stated Meeting**

The Annual Stated Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018, during the morning service.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Girvan Girls' Brigade

As part of our 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, we are looking for any donations for upcycling of duvet covers, curtains, flat caps and tankards. Poor condition is perfect! We are also looking for unwanted cardboard. Many thanks in advance

## **BB & GB Car Wash and Coffee Morning 2018**

The Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade are having a Coffee Morning and Car Wash on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. Tickets will be available from Carolyn Wells, Kevin Borland, Lauren Borland and Agnes Gibson – Car Wash £3.00 and Tearoom £2.50. Any donations of home baking would be greatly appreciated. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the day. We ask that you please purchase car wash tickets in advance if possible. Lauren will be selling tickets after a church service in February.

## Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance in the Memorial Chapel has not been updated for some time. The lovely calligraphy in this book was done in the past by Mrs Jenny Lindsay and we are indebted to her for this. The Kirk Session have given approval for this book to be updated and Mr Ian McKenzie has kindly agreed to do this. If you would like the name of a loved one recorded in the Book of Remembrance, please contact Violet Connor 712144 with the details.

## Answers to February Wee Quiz

1 Sarah, 2 Ruth 3 Mary 4 Eve..5 Rachel 6 Rebecca 7Joseph 8 Adam  
9 David 10 Timothy 11 Paul 12 Mark

## The Wee Quiz

The answer to each clue is a part of the human body but answers are **all different** from the answers in the Big Quiz which is on sale at the moment! Enjoy!

- 1 Used to get a lift.
- 2 A large box.
- 3 An imperial measurement
- 4 It's hilarious!
- 5 A pointer
- 6 A young animal
- 7 Joins wood
- 8 It's got a button!
- 9 Cord for a pig?
- 10 On a book or a hedgehog.

## Quiz for Sale

A new Quiz is on sale in aid of church funds. The answer to each clue is a part of the human body. Prize is £20. Quiz sheets, priced £1 are on sale from any elder, from Billy Benson and from the following shops:- The Sweetie Shop, Dunlop's Newsagents, Margaret's Fruit Shop and from the Paper Shop.

We hope you will support this fundraiser. Enjoy!

## **Church Calendar**

Sunday`	4 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> March	Annual Stated Meeting	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Sunday	Rev. Richard Moffat

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

Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Trustees Meeting [7.00 pm]
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Kirk Session Meeting

## **Baby and Toddler Group**

We continue to have a good number every week with new people coming to join us. We will be off on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March for Holy Week and the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April for the Easter Holiday.

## **Trustees Meeting and Kirk Session**

There will be a Trustees Meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in the Lesser Hall at 7.00 pm. This will be followed by a Kirk Session Meeting.

## **Crèche Rota**

4 <sup>th</sup> March	Arlene McGarragle, Susan Brown
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Lorraine Reid, Leslie Forbes
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Margaret Nicol, Rhona MacKinnon
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Lauren Borland, Diane Irvine
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Yuna McLeod, Michelle Scobie

**It is essential that 2 people are on duty in the crèche at all times. If you are unable to attend please arrange a substitute.**

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)

## Outreach and Mission

Our sales table is available in the small hall after worship every Sunday. We have a variety of hand made goods, including tablet and marmalade, and a good selection of cards for all occasions.

## News from the Pastoral Care Action Team

### **New Members**

At our meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> January we welcomed two new members to our team, Margie Moffat and Myra McCutcheon. They will be assisting us with our pastoral care work.

### **Safeguarding**

At that meeting, all team members completed forms to allow Safeguarding checks to be made. When these are returned we will be able to start visits out to members who have requested a regular visit. You can also make a request by phoning Margaret Benson on 713059.

### **Pastoral Care Visits**

During district visits in February, Elders gathered information for us on members who would like the minister to visit and those who would like Home Communion. During February the Minister has made over 20 home and hospital visits. Home Communion times will be arranged in March.

Elders and members of the congregation have also been giving us important information about members who are ill, members celebrating special birthdays or anniversaries. We have been sending out cards to them or flowers after Sunday Services.

Please keep this information coming. It is very helpful.

## Sunday Morning Refreshments

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Irene Tyson, Agnes Gibson
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Maureen Stowers, Fiona McCutcheon
18 <sup>th</sup> February	SOUP & SWEET LUNCH
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Una Jess, Sylvia Stewart
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Myra McCutcheon, Barbara Sloan

## Tea Rota

4 <sup>th</sup> March	Myra McCutcheon, Barbara Sloan
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Mandy McGlaughlan, Margaret Davidson
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Eric & Rhona MacKinnon
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Anna McClelland, Una Jess
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Irene Tyson, Fiona McCutcheon

If you could help with this, please speak to Maureen Stowers

## **The Wednesday Break**

Come and join us for our short mid-week service in the small hall at 10.30 am.

For Lent we are looking at some Psalms concerning how we should worship. The Psalms express the whole range of human feeling and experience from darkest depression to exuberant joy. They can be used as prayers and inspiration to hymn writers. Particularly Psalms 115 – 118 were read during the Passover meal finishing with Psalm 136, known as the Great Hallelujah.

If you cannot make a Sunday Service join our fellowship led in turn by Richard, Eric, Stuart, Anne and Kathleen – we would love to meet you and chat over a cup of tea.

### **WILL IT BE HEAVEN OR HELL?**

While walking down the street one day a US senator is tragically hit by a truck and dies. His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance. "Welcome to heaven," says St. Peter. "Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you." "No problem, just let me in," says the man. "Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity."

"Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven," says the senator. "I'm sorry, but we have our rules."

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him.

Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, Shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting Rich at the expense of the people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne. Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go.

Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises...The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him.

"Now it's time to visit heaven." So, 24 hours pass with the senator joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns. "Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity."

The senator reflects for a minute, then he answers: "Well, I would Never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell."

So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. Now the doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash falls from above. The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder. "I don't understand," stammers the senator. "Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there's just a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable. What happened?"

The devil looks at him, smiles and says, "Yesterday we were campaigning. Today you voted."

## **Prayer Topics March 2018**

### **1. The Leprosy Mission - Nigeria**

TLM Nigeria was nominated as one of the five beneficiaries of the Green Worship for Change initiative by Wale Adenuga geared towards impacting the lives of thousands of orphans and children with special needs in Nigeria through the proceeds of a live gospel worship recording. Pray that the proceeds will yield the desired result to fund the educational support project. Pray for persons affected by leprosy and their families that God will fill their lives with His peace and grant them courage to rise above the burden of stigma and discrimination to live meaningful lives.

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

Praise God for the planes that enable MAF Partner World Food Program to provide 1.1 million South Sudanese in Ugandan refugee camps with much needed food. Pray for all those separated from family and friends. Remember the regular shuttle flights that serve communities in the north as our partners help farmers adjust their farming techniques to alleviate food shortages around Karamoja. MAF Uganda flew 2,200 solar powered radios for Every Village to Mvola, South Sudan, so people could hear the Gospel. If every radio reaches just 5 people, 11,000 villagers will hear the Good News. Pray for fruit from this amazing ministry and uphold Peter Bede and Simon Domunzo as they manage the network.

### **3. Open Doors - Jordan**

Christians from Muslim background face the greatest persecution, but their small numbers are growing. Open testimony about their new faith can lead to serious opposition from family and tribal and Islamic leaders, including beatings, arrests and killings. Evangelical, Baptist and Pentecostal congregations are monitored by government officials. Those active in evangelism can face threats and obstruction

in daily life. Those from Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches – the majority of Christians – have greater freedom, but can experience discrimination. In co-operation with local partners and churches, Open Doors supports the church in Jordan through training programmes, relief and rehabilitation projects. Pray for protection and healing for Christian converts interrogated by police and abused or abducted by family members. Pray that the many refugees in Jordan could have an opportunity to hear the Gospel. Pray for Muslims to be struck by the love of their Christian neighbours and be drawn to Christ.

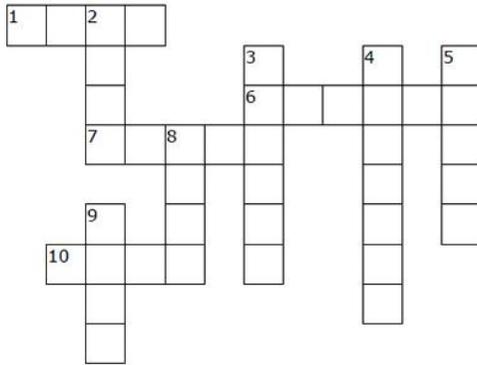
**4** Pray for our town, country and the world. As increasingly we see society turning its back on God and engaging in evil and accepting present day standards as the norm, ask God to convict all our hearts of our own attitude to the dishonesty, lies, deception, greed, foul language, hatred, discrimination and immorality so prevalent in our midst. Pray that God will alert us to the dangers of passing on all this evil to the next generation by failing to speak out against it and not setting a good and godly example for them to follow. Pray for those working with the media.

Pray for all ministers of the Gospel, that they may be faithful, true to God's word and their lives above reproach. Give thanks for our own Pastor Richard and Margie's leadership and examples and support them daily in prayer. Pray for the G.B. and B.B. and all their forthcoming activities. Remember Pauline with her Sunday School staff and pupils. Pray for our Christian Education team with its responsibilities and decision making. In this period of Lent, let us pray for a deeper understanding of that all-consuming sacrifice which God in His amazing love and mercy offered for our sins on Calvary. Then let us respond in love and celebrate with great joy and thanksgiving, the day of Resurrection and live a life of holiness and service.

### **Choir**

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

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

1. A male ruler of a country
6. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
7. To go into a place
10. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

## DOWN

2. What a person is called
3. To stretch out over a large area
4. A small town
5. The Son of God
8. Secured with a piece of rope
9. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year

PRAISE	ROAD	TIED	JESUS	COLT
ENTER	SPREAD	VILLAGE	KING	NAME



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# Children's Worship Bulletin

## Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40

## Word Search

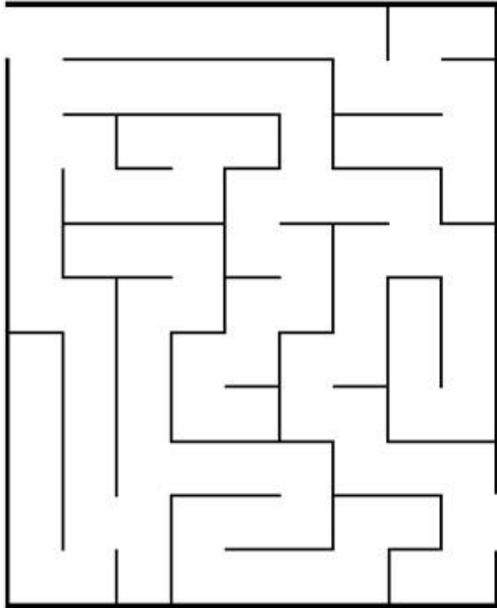
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QUIET	ROAD	MIRACLES	HEAVEN	VILLAGE
VOICES	STONES	CLOAKS	GLORY	LORD
NAME	JESUS	PRAISE	KING	BLESSED
TIED	COLT	PEACE	CROWD	SPREAD

**Girvan North Parish Church**  
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# Maze Puzzle

Join Jesus on the road to Jerusalem.



# Fill in the Blanks

When he came near the place where the \_\_\_\_\_ goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of disciples began joyfully to \_\_\_\_\_ God in loud voices for all the \_\_\_\_\_ they had seen. "Blessed is the \_\_\_\_\_ who comes in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord!" \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven and \_\_\_\_\_ in the highest!"  
Luke 19:37-38 (NIV)

## Word Bank

Peace	road	praise	glory
King	crowd	miracles	name

# Color Me!



The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

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