

Church Register

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

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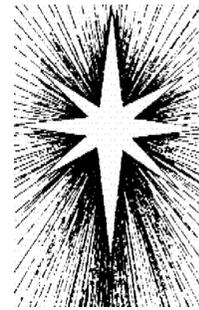
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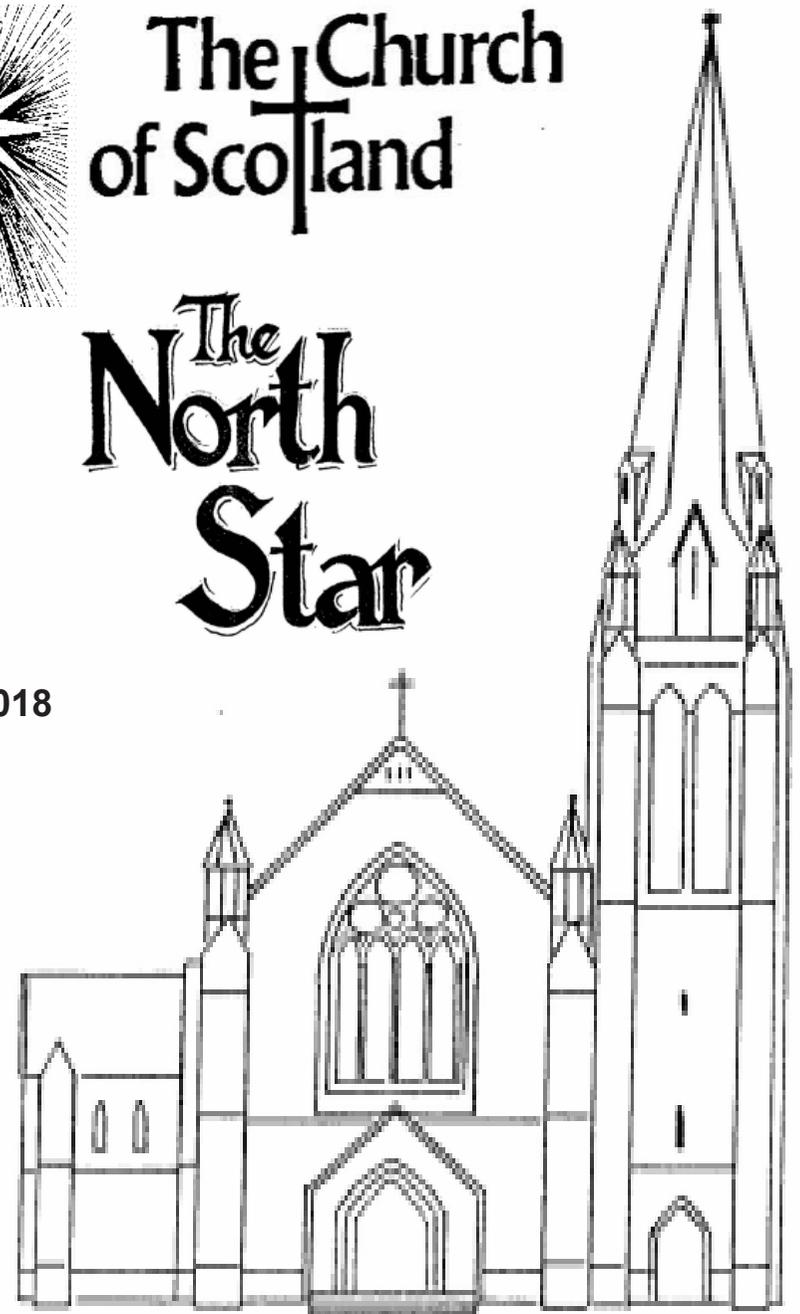
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Blythswood Care

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 to you all.

You can buy it in a grocery store, a cafe, the mall, from a van and in a sweetie shop. It comes in red, pink, brown, white, white with black specks, green, green with black specks, orange, yellow and who knows how many other colours. It is very cold, but sometimes people put hot stuff on top of it. It will make you fat if you eat too much. It can give you a headache if you eat it too fast. It will hurt your teeth if you have any cavities. It can clog the arteries of the old and promote blemishes on the young. You can get it by the gallon, quart, pint or scoop. Some people use a cone to hold it, others put it on top of a banana, others melt it with milk and drink it through a straw.

What is it? Ice Cream of course. I scream, you scream, we all scream for ... well, you know the rest I'm sure. Now if you were asked, could you adequately describe the taste, texture and feelings that correspond to eating an ice cream cone on a hot summer day to someone who had never tasted it before? Perhaps some things are best left to experience, like God's grace.

In Romans 5:7–10 (ESV) Paul says: “For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.”

Those verses describe God's grace revealing that it is God's unmerited favour and is distinct from mercy. Grace is getting what you don't deserve whereas mercy is not getting what you do deserve. We can sing about it, “Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound ...” However, unless you taste it, unless you experience it, you will find it rather bland. The truth is that when we experience grace it al-

ways leaves us wanting more.

Perhaps this prayer written by one minister will help us experience even more of its wonderful taste: “Help me Lord to look past my needs to see my sins. So I'll not be satisfied with the way things have been. Help me peel back my pride and admit I'm to blame. Let me know your forgiveness, release me from my shame and let me brush next to your glory and see your face. Fill me Lord, anoint me Lord, drench me with your grace. So I can fight the good fight, and run the good race. Continue to let me experience your blessings and pour them out in this place.”

The reality is that it is easy to become accustomed to God's grace to take it for granted. So as we head into the summer season let us each day take time to thank God for His grace in our lives. And as you contemplate the wonderful taste it brings, ask yourself: Is there someone to whom I need to show God's grace? If so, then think of a way that you can allow them to taste and experience that grace. In other words be God's grace in action.

Shalom,

Pastor Richard

Sunday Morning Refreshments

Sunday 6 th May	Irene Tyson, Agnes Gibson
Sunday 13 th May	Fiona McCutcheon, Agnes Gibson, Margaret Grassom
Sunday 20 th May	Pentecost
Sunday 27 th May	Una Jess and A.N. Other
Sunday 3 rd June	Irene Tyson, Agnes Gibson

2nd Girvan Girls' Brigade

As part of our 40th Birthday Celebration, the Girls' Brigade will be holding **Showtime by Musical Divas** on Monday 28th May at 7.30pm.

Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance from the Memorial Chapel is presently being updated by Mr Ian McKenzie. We are indebted to Ian for doing this work for us. If you would like the name of a loved one recorded in the Book of Remembrance, please contact Violet Connor 712144 with the details.

Christian Aid



Christian Aid will be running a Charity Shop this year in 75 Dalrymple Street, from 7th May until 19th May 2018.

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)

or

Any member of the Outreach & Mission Team

Christian Aid Week

7th – 19th May 2018

Church Calendar

Sunday	6 th May	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	13 th May	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	20 th May	Pentecost	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	27 th May	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	3 rd June	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat

[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]

Soup and Birthday cake after morning worship in the Main Hall, to celebrate Pentecost the birth of the Church.

“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

The Brutal Truth!

A man called up a bible believing church and the church secretary answered the call. The man on the other end of the line said, "I would like to speak to the head hog." The secretary replied, "That wasn't a very nice thing to say about our beloved minister, Rev. Jones." Again the man replied, "I would like to speak to the head hog, because I am going to donate £75,000.00 to the church. She replied, "Hold on a moment, I think the big fat pig just walked in.

Report from Pastoral Care Action Team.

During Holy Week, our Pastoral Care Team members delivered 40 bunches of daffodils and Easter cards to members of our congregation who are in Care Homes or sheltered housing in Dalmellington, Ayr, Maybole and Girvan. They also made their first Pastoral care visits to members who have requested regular visits in their homes and these visits will continue every month. If you would like a visit from our minister or from a Pastoral Care Team member, please phone the manse (713203) to arrange a suitable date and time.

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.

Bloopers To Make You Smile

Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."

The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Answers to Quiz ---- Parts of the human body.

1	Two students	Pupils
2	Add "p" to American singer	Pelvis
3	Negatives	Nose
4	A horse measurement	Hand
5	At end of book	Appendix
6	This land juts out into sea	Head (headland)
7	High tea it isn't, unless you mix it!	Thigh
8	Grease needing lots of effort	Elbow
9	A large piece of China	Chin
10	Drag it with you	Toe
11	9	Eye(9 th letter of alphabet)
12	Trendy	Hip
13	Prepare for war	Arm
14	A boil, a drop or a boot!	Gum
15	Place of Worship	Temple
16	Rigid inflatable boat	Rib
17	You can turn it the other way!	Cheek
18	Part of a cabbage	Heart
19	Fish	Sole
20	To bet	Back

21	Part of a river	Mouth
22	Something to cry on	Shoulder
23	Marching!	Instep
24	Found on lace-up shoe	Tongue
25	Do they hold dates?	Palms
26	Pulled at Seafood Disco?	Muscle
27	Its exciting when raising	Hair
28	You can pull it, lose it or save it!	Face
29	With a stick, it colours	Lip
30	An "intellect" will raise this!	EyeBrow (Highbrow)

Congratulations to the winner of the £20 prize, Mrs Janice Wilson, 93 Elder Avenue.

£400 has been raised for Church Funds.

Sincere thanks to everyone who bought, sold or completed a quiz sheet.

Answers to April Wee Quiz Birds

- 1 Swift
- 2 Gannet
- 3 Grouse
- 4 Wagtail
- 5 Blackbird
- 6 Pigeon
- 7 Swallow
- 8 Kittiwake
- 9 Nightingale
- 10 Lark.

May Wee Quiz

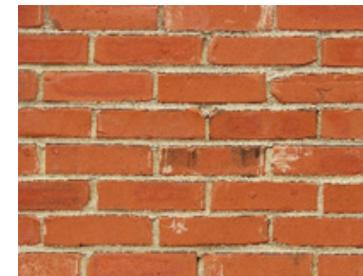
All answers are Books of the Old Testament.

- 1 They sit on benches.
- 2 Monarchs
- 3 A mass departure
- 4 Records of events
- 5 Expressions of sorrow
- 6 Short pithy sayings.
- 7 Occupation
- 8 Sounds like they belong to Samuel!
- 9 RYUNEDOTOME (anagram)
- 10 HERHIZACA (Anagram)

Likoma Appeal

From Sunday 13th May, we will be having a Buy a Brick campaign.

This is to help our partners on Likoma Island build a much needed Church. Cards cost £1.00 each and can be brought from any member of the Outreach and Mission Team. Thank you for your support.



Team Members: Robert Bone, Mandy McGlaughlan, Hannah Laird, Norma Logan, Jean Morris, Jim Fairbairn, Anne Fisher, Findlay Mills and Sandra Smith

May Fayre:

Saturday 12th May 2018 is an important date for your diaries. Our Church will be having a "MAY FAYRE" on that day from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. The Session Room will be open on Friday evening, 11th May from 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm to accept donations for the various stalls.

These are: HOME BAKING, HANDIWORK, NEW UNUSED GIFTS AND BOOKS

Ticket price £2.00 – Children Free



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.

Crèche Rota

6 th May	Lauren Borland, Diane Irvine
13 th May	Yuna McLeod, Michelle Scobie
20 th May	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
27 th May	Arlene McGarragle, Susan Brown
3 rd June	Leslie Forbes, Isla Johnston

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:

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Prayer Topics May 2018

1. The Leprosy Mission - Thailand

The McKean Rehabilitation Centre is owned by the Thai church and has had a long relationship with TLM. It is recognized as the centre providing leprosy expertise in north Thailand and also provides residential treatment and rehabilitation for marginalised or displaced disabled persons along with training in activities to promote sustainable livelihoods. Pray for God's leading in all development plans and that all the frequent interactions with a wide spectrum of visitors and trainees will bring positive results and demonstrate God's love. One such development is a new training school for senior care givers, where many will have their first experience with the Christian message – pray for its impact in their lives.

2. Mission Aviation Fellowship – South Sudan

Pray that God will prepare the hearts of a Security Manager, Ground Operations Manager a Deputy Director of Maintenance and four pilots to join our team in South Sudan. The harvest season did little to ease the nation's ongoing food crisis, with 45% of the population remaining severely short of food. Pray for the nutrition and veterinary programmes run by Afro-Canadian Evangelical Mission, a frequent MAF flyer, as the organisation works to save both people and livestock..

3. Open Doors - Egypt

In January, two brothers were shot dead by a gunman as they assisted a Coptic Christian in his shop in Gaza and another Christian was killed in the town of Arish. He was shot by armed men on his way home – all because they noticed he had a small tattoo of a cross on his wrist. There has been an increase in violent attacks mostly initiated by so-called Islamic State, but also a lack of government protection means the rights of Christians are frequently overlooked. This makes it hard for Christians to receive education and find employment. But despite

the increasing pressure, many Christians are determined to live out their faith, even when it means risking their lives. Bishop Hosny, whose church was attacked shortly before New Year says, "We know we are still targeted, but we insist on going to our churches and celebrating our feasts. This is what must be done to confront terrorist threats." "Lord Jesus please be with those who have lost loved ones in recent attacks and comfort them in their grief. Please provide for these Christians struggling to get education or employment and soften the hearts of the authorities that Christians' rights may be protected".

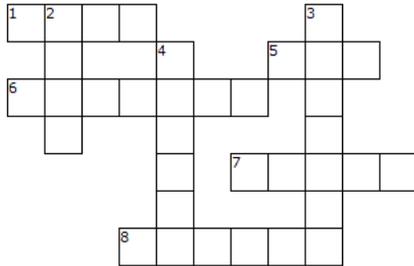
4 Again thinking of young people, pray for all children who are abused, neglected, orphaned or disabled, especially those who have never known the love of a caring parent or other grown up. Pray that God will bring into each young life someone with a great heart of love for children who will show them the love of their Heavenly Father.

Pray for our Worship Team as they reach out into the community with services in Boyle Court, Hillcrest and Trust Housing. Ask that these services may be meaningful and a blessing to residents and staff. Pray for those who lead. Give thanks for the Wednesday Break team and the time they spend in prayer and preparation. Pray that many more people will join us and be blessed by the messages and fellowship we enjoy so much each week. Remember Pastor Richard as he visits the sick and sorrowing and spends hours preparing for funeral services and comforting and encouraging bereaved families. Give thanks and pray for Margie in her supporting role. May God's blessing be on all that is done in our midst and may He receive all the glory.

Choir

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

Crossword Puzzle



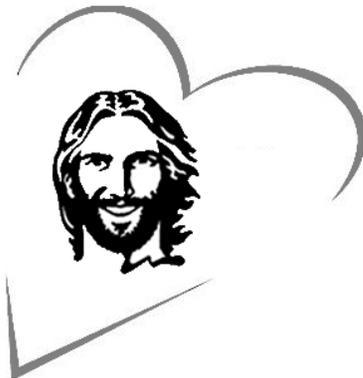
ACROSS

1. To hold dear, to like or desire greatly
5. A state of happiness or delight
6. Someone that performs duties for a master
7. To gain knowledge, skill, or understanding
8. A person that you like very much

DOWN

2. To do what you are told; follow the rules
3. An order which a person is expected to obey
4. One who has authority over another person

MASTER	OBEY	LOVE	COMMAND
FRIEND	SERVANT	LEARN	JOY



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Children's Worship Bulletin

Love One Another

John 15:9-17

Word Search Puzzle

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

FRIENDS	OBEY	LOVE	FRUIT
DOWN	BUSINESS	BEAR	MASTER
LAY	FATHER	LIFE	REMAIN
SERVANTS	GREATER	COMMAND	CHOSE

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Love one another as I have loved you.

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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.

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

- 17-7-8-11 _____
- 3-11-22-20-26-12 _____
- 2-7-4 _____
- 10-3-26-11-12-5-21 _____
- 21-11-3-8-20-12-9 _____
- 22-20-21-9-11-3 _____
- 10-20-9-13-11-3 _____
- 16-7-22-22-20-12-5 _____

MASTER	FRIENDS	COMMAND	LOVE
SERVANT	FATHER	REMAIN	JOY

