

Church Register

Deaths:

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

June:

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July:

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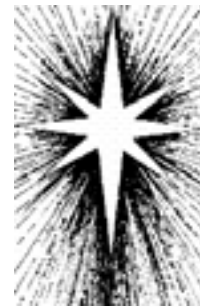
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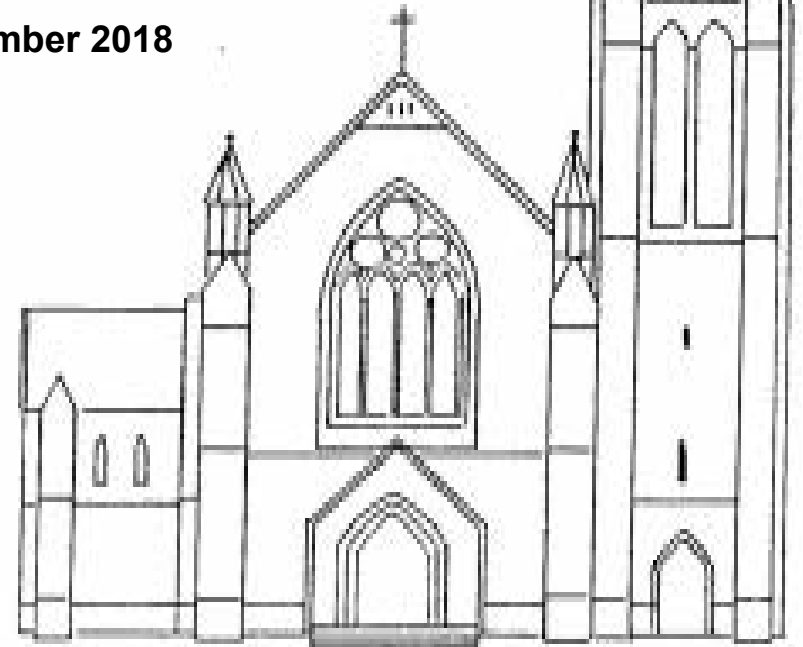
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Blythswood Care

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,

Welcome to the “autumn” season, at least it feels like that! As we have been talking about how to use our tongue with wisdom in church the last two weeks I came across another article on criticism that I thought I would share from. The author begins: “I’ve never been voted off the island, named the weakest link, or told what not to wear, but I’ve weathered my share of criticism—constructive, destructive, and otherwise. A sharply worded email from a reader makes me question my calling. Or a scathing book review sends me back to my current writing project with a heavy heart.”

All of us, at one time or another have been there. We have experienced A church member’s disparaging comment which still hurts days later. Or someone we work with points out a character flaw “for our own good,” and that leaves us feeling wounded and embarrassed. You may even have experienced a minister’s or elder’s negative evaluation of your work and it continues to echo through your mind long after you’ve left or moved on to another church. When our labour for the Lord has been found wanting, what’s the wise thing to do?

- (a) Let those critical words fester?
- (b) Pretend you never heard them?
- (c) Strike back while your ire is hot?

Come on now you and I really know the answer: (d) None of the above.

James says: **“If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.” James 1:26–27**

And as Paul reminds us in Ephesians 4:29 **“Do not let any**

unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

Instead, James and Paul are telling us to take a more holistic and positive approach when criticism or negative feedback comes our way, allowing God to teach us through the healing process. There are several pieces of advice that we can glean from the scriptures and apply when we hear criticism.

Firstly, we can consider the source by taking a good at who it is that judging your efforts. Are they qualified and if they are we can listen and learn. If not, press on. Everyone is entitled to an opinion, but not every opinion is of equal value.

Secondly we can deflect the drama recognizing that sometimes snarky comments often stem from jealousy, frustration, or anger. If a friend is clearly lashing out from a place of pain, overlook his or her caustic barbs and simply ask, “Are you okay? You seem really stressed.” I have to confess that I wish I’d known sooner to take a positive approach when negative feedback came my way, allowing God to teach me through the healing process.

Thirdly embrace the truth. Over the years I have learned that criticism, however painful, can bear a kernel of truth. So I have learned to try and find that kernel, chew on it, and swallow my pride along with it. The reality is that it may be a difficult process, but if it leads to growth and improvement, the momentary discomfort is worth it.

Fourthly filter the feedback. As human beings we tend to focus on the negative and forget about the many affirming voices. These voices are given for a reason and are not just being nice but are trying to encourage us. Take a consensus vote, not one person’s opinion, as your guide.

Fifthly focus on God. You see I have discovered that just as any loving parent can tell a child what they value God, as our

Heavenly Father, has an opinion about us and that is what truly matters. When we depend on his strength and seek to honour him at every turn, we can say with Paul, “Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ” Galatians 1:10 niv

Take comfort in knowing that, when we genuinely seek to serve the Lord, we're bound to step on someone's toes and so we can learn to tread gently, but keep on walking!

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Richard

Church Flowers

Each week a faithful band of ladies take turns at making floral arrangements and posies to adorn our church on Sunday mornings. After the service the flowers are taken out to members of our congregation. Can you help by letting me know the names of anyone who should get flowers?

E.g.

- A home where there has been a bereavement.
- Someone who is housebound, in hospital, ill at home or anxiously awaiting results of hospital tests.
- Someone who deserves a “thank you” or is in need of a “boost”

Please let me know by phoning 713059. If you don't tell me, I might not hear about it! Thank you. Margaret Benson

Crèche Rota

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| 2 nd September | Margaret Nicol, Rhona MacKinnon |
| 9 th September | Lauren Borland, Diane Irvine |
| 16 th September | Yuna McLeod, Michelle Scobie |
| 23 rd September | Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon |
| 30 th September | Arlene McGarragle, Susan Brown |

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 using verses in 1 Corinthians 13. (Prepared by Rev. Scotty Smith)

“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.”

Heavenly Father, our need for this portion of your Word is as constant as oxygen and as essential as water. No matter whatever else we are or do, give or accomplish, without a heart of love, we're zeros, zilch, nada, empty, nothing.

“4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.”

By the power of your Spirit, supersize our patience with challenging people and in disruptive circumstances. Replace our irritation and defensiveness with your kindness and peace. Grant us greater contentment in Christ, so we'll envy and whine less, and grow in peace and humility. Free us to be the ones quickest to repent in our families, workplace, and friendships.

“5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.”
May we be merciful like you, Father. Help us overlook other people's foibles and failures—not because we're indifferent, but because we're in Christ. Give us thick skin and big hearts; and show us how to steward our anger. Lord, we'd love a photographic memory when it comes to the gospel and grace, but amnesia when it comes to the ways people hurt and fail us.

“6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.”

Father, may we delight in justice and beauty, but keep us free from relishing vengeance. We don't want to get even, we want to get more of Jesus.

“7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Show us how to protect those we love—emotionally, spiritually, and otherwise. Help us trust when trusting isn't easy; hope, not based on what we see; and persevere, when we'd sooner give up. Father, thank you a gazillion times over: We're not saved by how well we love, but by how much you love us in Jesus. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus' kind and powerful name.

South Carrick Churches Together

The annual Songs of Praise service at the Harbour had to change venue due to bad weather. Sunday 29th July was not a sunny day, which was disappointing but a few good folk, 31 in total, made their way to South Parish Church to sing their praises to God. The Ayr Corps Salvation Army Band had gathered there to bring the richness of their music to the hymns. All wonderful. How the walls of the church resonated with the sound of instruments and signing. The band number was 15, almost half being young people. The tuba seemed the popular instrument and even band-master, Bobby Irvine, was playing one. It seems he can play any instrument, if needed. Rev. Ian McLachlan led the service and gave a fine sermon. He was standing in for Canon McGee who was unable to attend. Afterwards it was nice to mingle and chat to the band members and their families.

The next SCCT date on the calendar is Sunday 30th September when the Pot Luck Supper will be held in the Catholic Hall at 6.300 pm. Entertainment will be provided and a collection will be taken. Everyone welcome. The North Parish Church have been asked to provide cold meat, quiche and salad. A list will be put out in the Church later, for any contributions. This will be the last event of the year for the Sacred Heart Church. The Host Church for 2019 will be Milestone Christian Fellowship, led by Rev. Adam Oellermann.

Let the Christian Family Tree Flourish. God Bless.

Norma Logan

Church Calendar

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| Sunday | 2 nd September | Morning Worship Rev. Richard Moffat |
| Sunday | 9 th September | Morning Worship Rev. Richard Moffat |
| Sunday | 16 th September | Morning Worship Rev. Richard Moffat |
| Sunday | 23 rd September | Harvest Thanksgiving Rev. Richard Moffat |
| Sunday | 30 th September | Morning Worship Rev. Richard Moffat |

[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]

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| Thursday | 6 th September | Co-ordinating Team Meeting 2.00 pm |
| Wednesday | 12 th September | Kirk Session 7.00 pm |
| Friday | 14 th September | The Nicol Family in Concert 7.30 pm |

Choir

The Choir practices re-commences on Thursday 6th September at 7.15 pm in the Memorial Chapel. Anyone wishing to join us will be very welcome.

Reorganisation of Elders' Districts

The ordination of 4 new elders has given us the opportunity to reorganise our elders' districts with the following advantages: -

- No elder has more than one district. (Two elders were previously doing two districts)
- Two elders, who are in poor health, have been relieved of their district duties.
- Elders who do not drive have been given districts near to where they live.
- Streets have been redistributed to make a more compact arrangement.
- Streets have been grouped to keep district numbers to a maximum of 15 homes.

Very few districts have stayed exactly as before. Some elders have a completely new district, some have only a few changes.

If you have a new elder please give them a warm welcome when they call with your card for the Communion which will be held on Sunday 7th October.

Billy Benson Roll Keeper

Pastoral Care Visits

Over the summer the Pastoral Care Team have continued to visit members who have requested a regular visitor.

The Pastoral Care Team are continuing to make arrangements for Richard to visit members. If someone phones you please welcome Richard's visit as he is keen to have a chat and to get to know you. Alternately you can phone Margaret Benson 713059 or the Manse 713203 and request a visit from Richard. .

Elders and members of the congregation have been giving us important information about members who are ill, members celebrating special birthdays or anniversaries. We have been sending out cards to them. Please keep this information coming. It is very helpful.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING - FLOWERS

Last year over 50 baskets of flowers were delivered to the elderly and housebound within our congregation. To do the same again this year we are in urgent need of flower baskets. If you have any that you don't require, we would be very glad to have them so either bring them to church on a Sunday morning or phone Agnes Gibson (479206) or Janet Arthur and we will collect.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Our service of Harvest Thanksgiving will be held in the Church on Sunday 30th September 2018 at 11.00am. Janet Arthur and helpers will be in the Session Room from 10.00am to 12.00pm and from 2.00 to 4.00pm on Saturday 29th September 2018 to receive your Harvest Gifts of fruit, flowers and food for display at the Service and for distribution to our elderly and housebound members. As the Main Hall is used by a dance class on Saturdays, please use the Session Room entrance when you are coming to deliver your gifts. Girvan North has always been a caring Church and the Kirk Session thanks you for your generosity in supporting these members.

Pastoral Care Action Team

CHURCH ELDERS

Harvest Thanksgiving is nearly upon us and, as happened last year, Elders are asked where at all possible, to distribute the Harvest Gifts to their own Districts. This has been very successful in previous years and saves a great deal of time and effort. Elders are asked to be at the Church at 1.30pm or as soon as possible on the day of the Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Sunday 30th September 2018. Members of the Congregation with cars are also invited to come along to assist Elders who do not have cars. This service for the church does not take long providing plenty of people come along and help. My thanks to everyone who does this important work.

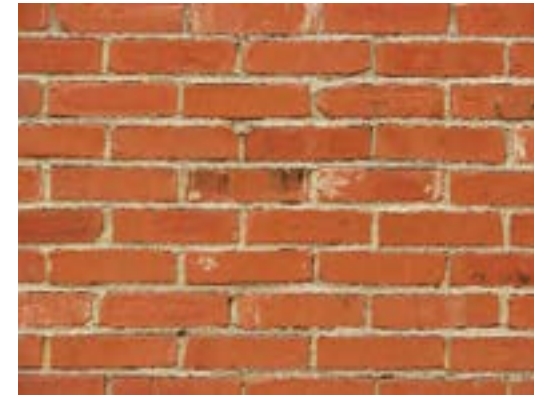
Ron Gibson Session Clerk

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



Charity Shop

Many thanks to all who helped with the shop, either by donating goods or helping to sell them. We made a total of £755.00. your help was greatly appreciated.

Outreach and Mission Team.

Prayer Topics September 2018

1. The Leprosy Mission – Sri Lanka

There is still legislation in Sri Lanka that actively discriminates against people affected by leprosy. Pray for Alliance Development Trust as they work to repeal the legislation and protect the rights of people affected by leprosy. Religious leaders have strong influence over their congregations. With this in mind, Christian, Buddhist, Islamic and Hindu leaders have been brought together, taught about leprosy and mobilised to work together to raise awareness of the disease among their congregations and communities. Pray that these faith groups will continue to work together effectively and that it will result in a greater knowledge about leprosy, so that people can access treatment early, before they experience disability.

2. Mission Aviation Fellowship – Kenya and Uganda

MAF partner Gethsemane Garden Christian Centre & Boarding School rescues orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya. It serves 725 students and has produced more than 100 graduates. Pray for Naphtaly – one of the school's founders - and his team, as they continue this important ministry. Pray that committed Christians will fill the vacancies in MAF partner schools in Papua New Guinea, South Sudan and Uganda. Pray for the work of Restoration Gateway, an MAF partner in Uganda. The organisation runs a holistic community comprising a large orphanage housing 130 children, a thriving primary and secondary school offering quality education and – more recently – a hospital.

3. Open Doors - Syria

Pray for a group of Muslim background believers who fled Afrin when it was invaded by Turkish military. In May they began to meet again in a tent-church. Thank God for this meeting place and pray for the pastor of the church. Pray that Afrin will soon be safe enough for them

to return home

4. As children start school for the first time, pray that they will settle well, make friends easily and enjoy learning. Pray for their teachers that they may have great patience, wisdom, understanding and love for their pupils, especially those who are timid, fearful or slow learners. Give God thanks for restful, refreshing and interesting holidays and safe travel. Ask God's blessing on the induction and ministry of Maybole's new minister.

Pray for a happy and profitable visit by our friends from Likoma Island.

Pray for our Boys' and Girls' Brigades and Sunday School and the constant need of leaders and officers. Remember the ordination of our new elders and ask for God's blessing on each one as they take their place in the Session. Pray for unity and the ability to work together and help each other as the teams resume their duties. Ask God to strengthen, empower and encourage Pastor Richard and Margie in all their work and to bless family. Pray that God will open our eyes to see where and in what ways He wants us to use the talents He has given every one of us for the work of His church here. Pray that we will learn to depend entirely for everything on the power and enabling of the Holy Spirit by Whom alone "all things are possible". Thanks be to God.

Ladies Afternoon Badminton Club

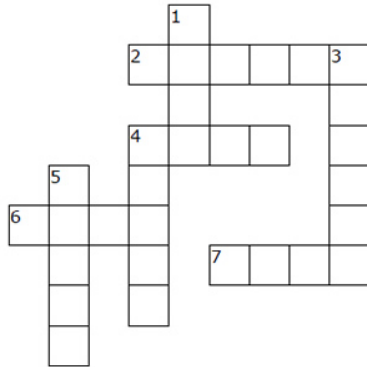
The Afternoon Badminton Club resumes on Wednesday 12th September.

The Club meets in the church hall on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 – 4.00 pm – with a short break for tea, coffee and biscuits. A warm welcome will be given to new members wishing to join the Club.

More details can be obtained from Nancy at 714116.

Nancy Stewart

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. A need for food
- 4. To be humble in spirit or manner
- 6. Having little money or few possessions
- 7. To feel happiness, joy and pleasure

DOWN

- 1. To be without any faults; without sin
- 3. A payment received in return for doing good deeds
- 4. To show great kindness toward others
- 5. To feel sadness

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| PURE | MOURN | REWARD | HUNGER |
| POOR | GLAD | MERCY | MEEK |



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Children's Worship Bulletin

The "Bee Attitudes"

Matthew 5:1-12

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Decoder Puzzle

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

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Coloring Page



The Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 5: 1-12