

Church Register

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

September

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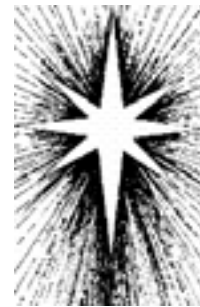
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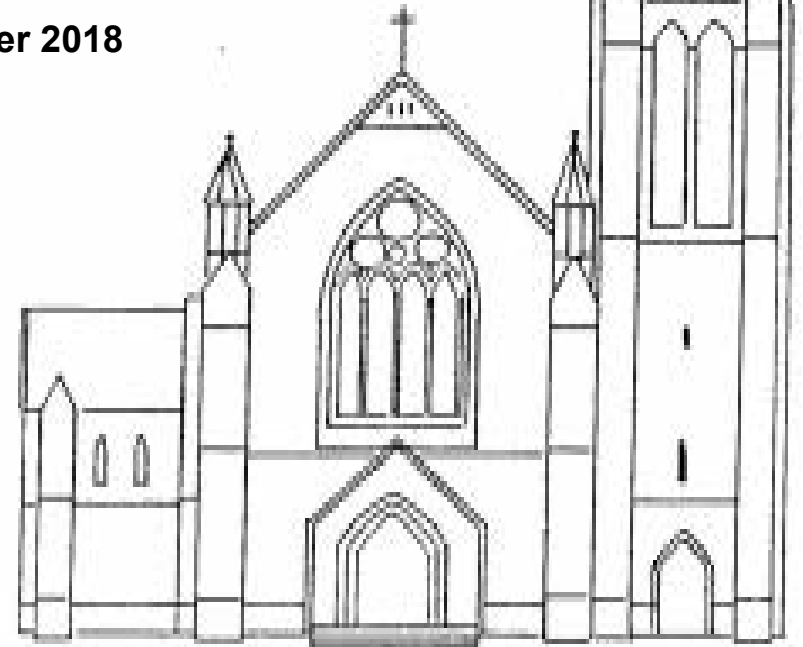
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Blythswood Care

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!

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all,

If we were back in Canada we would be preparing this week-end to celebrate "Thanksgiving" which, is truly a huge celebration from British Columbia to Newfoundland. However, would you do as Wanda Dench did to celebrate "thanksgiving?" Wanda Dench's grandson forgot to notify her of a change in his mobile phone number. So when she texted his old number inviting him over for a Thanksgiving meal, she reached 17 year-old Jamal Hinton instead. The two figured out the mistake quickly, but Hinton asked if it was possible to "still get a plate." In grandmotherly fashion, Dench responded, "Of course you can. That's what grandmas do." When asked about the encounter after Thanksgiving, the young man said, "I'm thankful for all the nice people in the world. I never met her ... and she welcomed me into her house, so that shows me how great of a person she is."

The phrase "give thanks" appears 35 times in the English Standard Version of the book of Psalms. The writer of the Psalms tell us to "give thanks" to God with musical instruments, to his Holy name, with our whole hearts but one refrain which repeats itself is **"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."** In fact it appears in Psalm 106:1; 107:1; 118:10 & 29; 136:1, 2, 3 & 26. Isn't it good to be reminded that we are to give God thanks because of His goodness to us.

We see that goodness firstly in the creation. God has made the world and placed us in this very good world to enjoy it. As Christians we are taught to understand that God has made everything and as such all of creation has value and should be valued by us because of its origin in God. And because it does have its origin in God we can delight in creation even more than the non-Christian because we have knowledge of the God who stands behind everything.

Of course the most significant reason we should give thanks

is because through God's goodness we have benefited from Christ's work by the application of that work to us by the Holy Spirit, which as one commentator wrote, consists of: "the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

This basic core of Christian teaching, this gospel, needs to be at the heart of our worship too."

The reality is that the very essence of the gospel is its focus on what God has done for his people, not necessarily on what we have experienced. Yes, it is indeed true, that what God has done affects us and we are to acknowledge his work with thanksgiving. But the gospel, the center of our worship, is not about what has happened to us but rather about what God accomplished by Jesus Christ two thousand years ago when Jesus died for our sin and then rose from the dead for our justification. Our worship must be God-centered rather than man-centered if it is to be worship that actually pleases God. **"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."** No wonder the Psalm writers wrote as they did.

A thought for you to ponder this thanksgiving season –What are you truly thankful for? Happy thanksgiving.

Shalom,

Pastor Richard

PS Erma Bombeck, a writer and teacher said: "That the most remarkable thing about her mother is that for thirty years she served the family nothing but leftovers. But, the original meal has never been found."

Church Calendar

Sunday	7 th October	Sacrament of Holy Communion	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	14 th October	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	21 st October	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	28 th October	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	4 th November	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat

[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]

Crèche Rota

7 th October	Lorraine Reid, Leslie Forbes
14 th October	Margaret Nicol, Rhona MacKinnon
21 st October	Yuna McLeod, Michelle Scobie
28 th October	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
4 th November	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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Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest Thanksgiving was celebrated in the Church on Sunday 30th September 2018. The Sanctuary of the Church and the Vestibule were decorated with flowers and harvest gifts and looked really beautiful. Organising the Harvest Thanksgiving is now the responsibility of the Pastoral Care team and we would like to thank most sincerely all members and friends who gifted flowers, fruit, vegetables and groceries. In particular we would like to thank Simpson's the Bakers for donating the beautiful Harvest Loaf and to Girvan Early Growers for their gift of potatoes.

Rev Jim Guthrie preached the sermon on "The Song of Harvest" A total of just over 100 harvest gifts were distributed to members of the congregation after the Service. Our sincere thanks to the 9 ladies who spent all of Saturday morning arranging flower baskets and posies, to Jimmy Lindsay for erecting and dismantling the staging, to Janet Arthur and her team of helpers for organising and displaying the gifts so beautifully. We also thank the elders and members who delivered the gifts on Sunday afternoon. It was a wonderful team effort and much appreciated.

Sunday School

The Sunday school started back on 2nd September after our summer break. We have been learning about God's wonderful and amazing creation. We have been shining lights in the darkness, played a game to guess what objects are in a bag, made a mobile with sun/moon/stars/fluffy clouds and played a board game. We have been thinking about what God has made, and thanking Him for water, food, clothes, shells, mountains, flowers, the sunset, tigers and trampolines!

If you are aged 3 or more please come along to our Sunday School to hear about God and His love for us, and to hear the stories from the Bible.

Book of Remembrance

If you would like the name of a loved one written into our Book of Remembrance, please contact Violet Connor 712144.

The Book can be viewed in the Memorial Chapel after Sunday Services.

Carpet Bowling Club

The Carpet Bowling Club resumes this Wednesday 3rd October, 7.00 – 9.00 pm. New members will be made most welcome.

Centre Group

The Centre Group has already started for the season, on Wednesday 3rd October, but, we extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to join us. We are a small but happy group who have been meeting for over forty years. We meet 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, in the Church Lounge at 7.30 pm.

Jars of Grace

The Jars of Grace labels are now available from the Vestibule table. As yet the Kirk Session has not decided on which charity will benefit this year, but this will be announced as soon as possible.

Life & Work

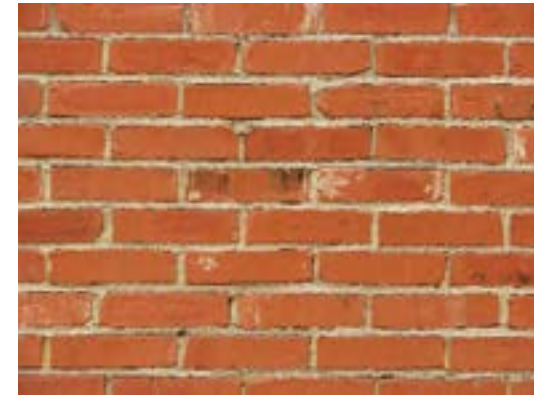
The annual subscription for Life & Work Magazine 2019 is £30.60, ie, £2.55 per issue. If you wish to continue receiving Life & Work we would be grateful if orders could be paid in full when the February issue is delivered. If you wish to cancel your order, please contact your distributor, Irene Tyson (713590) or Barbara Warren (714960, before 11th November 2018.

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, Sandra Smith.



Quiz in aid of Church Funds

A quiz, priced £1 is on sale in aid of church funds. Copies are available from elders, in the hall after the service or from local shops. The answer to each clue is a type of hat or something you can put on your head, so that should be fun! Enjoy!

PLEASE NOTE There is an error in some of the quiz sheets. Clue 26 should read OBORMSER and not ABORMSER Sorry!

Fundraising, Activities & Communication Team

We will be hosting a Scotch Night on Thursday 11th October at 7.00 pm. Haggis, Neeps and Tatties will be served and entertainment will be provided by the Rural Revellers. Tickets, priced at £8.00 are now on sale.

A sheet is available in the vestibule for contributions for the supper.

Scotch Night

Please Note:- On Scotch Night on the 11th October there will be an alternative to Haggis available on the night.

Pastoral Care Team Report

Pastoral Care Visits

Elders and members of the congregation continue to give us important information about bereavements, about members who are ill, members celebrating special birthdays or anniversaries. We are then able to arrange visits, send out cards or deliver flowers to them after Sunday Services.

Please keep this information coming. (713059) it is very helpful and much appreciated.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Pastoral Care Team will be on Thursday 18th October at 7pm in the Session Room when we will welcome two new members, Mrs Sylvia Stewart and Mrs Jean Morris.

Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal

In the midst of autumn and darker evenings, our thoughts may be looking toward Advent and the promise of Love, Hope and Joy. It may surprise you to know that in many developing countries not everyone has experienced Christmas as we know it.

Men, women, boys and girls would love to have a Christmas present from you – shoe box of essential goodies delivered by a Blythswood representative bringing them Hope that someone cared and Joy in using and playing with the gifts.

Pick up a leaflet in the vestibule of the Church which will list the basics to put in your box. The gifts don't have to be expensive but chosen with care – underwear, a small toy, pencils, soap, comb, toothbrush, etc. Yes, families still use candles because they have no money for electricity! Last year, we sent over 200 boxes – can we do better this year?

If you do not want to fill a box, please feel free to donate any of the required items and we will make up the boxes. All donations and filled boxes need to be handed in at the Church or collected from your home by Sunday 4th November.

Thank You! Margaret Murdoch

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.

Visit from Malawi

On Tuesday 9th October, we will be having a social for our visitors from Malawi. This will begin at 7.00 pm with a finger buffet, followed by entertainment – and it's all free of charge. Please come along and meet our guests

Outreach and Mission Team.

Soup and Sweet lunch

A soup and sweet lunch will be held after morning service on 28th October 2018

Christmas Fayre

A meeting will be held in the Lounge on Sunday 14th October 2018 after morning service for those who are interested on helping with the Christmas Fayre on 17th October 2018

The Worship Team

The Worship Team also visited Boyle Court on 23rd September to conduct a short service with the residents. Our next outing will be to Hillcrest is on 21st October. If you have friends or relatives there – or just enjoy visiting – why not come along and enjoy the Praise. These services are very important to people who can no longer be at Church.

Funny Stuff

A few minutes before the services started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate.

Soon everyone had exited the church except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seeming oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence. So Satan walked up to the old man and said, "Don't you know who I am?"

The man replied, "Yep, sure do."

"Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan asked.

"Nope, sure ain't," said the man.

"Don't you realize I can kill you with a word?" asked Satan.

"Don't doubt it for a minute," returned the old man, in an even tone.

"Did you know that I could cause you profound, horrifying, physical AGONY... for all eternity?" persisted Satan.

"Yep," was the calm reply.

"And you're still not afraid?" asked Satan.

"Nope."

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Well, why aren't you afraid of me?"

The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for the last 48 years."

Prayer Topics October 2018

1. The Leprosy Mission – Nepal

Pray that TLM Nepal in partnership with Community Based Rehabilitation will be able to reach over 10,000 needy people through hospital services and outreach camps and train 600 people in injury and trauma management. Every year Nepal suffers from flooding and landslides which affect the lives of beneficiaries and staff and hinder projects. Ask the Lord to protect people in these disaster prone locations. Pray that projects are planned wisely to reduce and overcome the effects of such disaster.

2. Mission Aviation Fellowship – Madagascar

Praise God for MAMAFY, our subsidised charter service which enables indigenous Christians to take the Gospel to remote areas where there are few believers. Meaning to sow in the Malagasy language, pray for MAMAFY's pastors, evangelists and church workers as they seek to put Acts 1: 8 into practice by being Jesus' witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Deforestation has led to 90% of Madagascar's tree cover being lost. This affects farmers by leading to soil erosion and an increased risk of landslides. Pray for respect for the unique ecosystems in that country.

3. Open Doors - China

As the Chinese government ramps up its demands for China's house churches to register with the authorities, pastors are under increasing pressure to meet with officials to account for their movements and to inform on church members. Pray for courage for them to stand firm in the faith and wisdom to know how to answer the authorities. In western China some foreign and local missionaries have been forced to leave, and a number of house churches have been ordered to stop meeting. Ask God to strengthen local Buddhist – background believers to continue sharing the Gospel despite increasing restrictions. Abliz, a

believer from a Muslim background was detained by the authorities in 2017, but has never returned home. Pray for his wife who is struggling to bring in an income to provide for her children and pray that Abliz will be released.

4 Pray for a new emphasis on family life. Pray for all homes where relationships have broken down and children are suffering on account of it. Remember single parent families who are struggling to survive and pray that they may be provided for. Pray for people recently bereaved and ask that they may be comforted with the knowledge of God's wonderful love for them and the fact that He will never ever leave them or forsake them.

Pray for our Likoma visitors and their time with us, that they may feel the warmth of our welcome and be encouraged and blessed. Give thanks to God for His bountiful harvest and His provision for our every need.

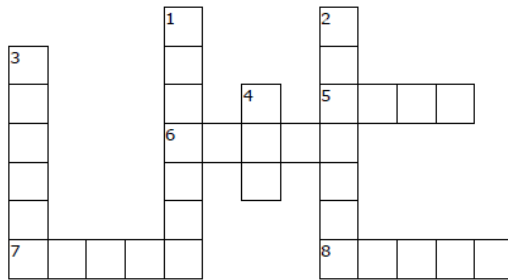
Pray for healing for our organist Marie, and strength, empowering and blessing for our manse family. As Pastor Richard brings us God's message week by week, pray that we may really understand, take it to heart and by the Holy Spirit's enabling, act upon it. The Church here and worldwide needs a mighty revival. Pray for it, for God's glory.

Wednesday Break

Our mid-week service resumed in mid September in the small hall at 10.30 am. The Worship team of Richard, Eric, Stuart and Anne, lead in turn an informal service – each bringing their own thoughts and ideas (with a lot of help from the Holy Spirit!) to a short Bible passage. Kathleen, as ever, picks the praise to accompany and enhance our worship.

Please come along and join us as we look forward to a new series of talks based on 1 Peter.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

5. A short piece of music that is sung
6. To talk or exclaim in a very loud voice
7. A small animal with a woolly coat
8. The planet where people live

DOWN

1. To express one's love and adoration for God
2. A field covered with grass where animals eat
3. An expression of appreciation
4. A feeling of great happiness

WORSHIP	SONG	JOY	THANKS
PASTURE	EARTH	SHOUT	SHEEP



Giving Thanks

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Children's Worship Bulletin

Giving Thanks

Psalm 100

Word Search Puzzle

C T Y A E E G G E F W S O Z D
W Q K V B O F H A N E N V G S
Y Q O X Q Y P O G T D A G C F
W L K Z R S N W R O E U R J U
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WORSHIP	EARTH	JOY	LOVE	ENTER
ENDURES	FOREVER	SHEEP	THANKS	SHOUT
SONGS	PASTURE	GLADNESS	GATES	PRAISE

Girvan North Parish Church
Girvan

Coloring Page

Decoder Puzzle

Giving Thanks



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

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

- 17-13-3-22-24 _____
- 20-3-23-25 _____
- 8-7-23-24-13 _____
- 6-3-23-17-13-4-26 _____
- 16-20-7-25-18-8-17-17 _____
- 24-13-7-18-12-17 _____
- 16-3-3-25 _____
- 20-3-5-8 _____

LORD	GOOD	EARTH	GLADNESS
WORSHIP	THANKS	LOVE	SHOUT

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

Psalm 100:4

