

Church Register

Deaths:

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

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Mrs Helen Stevens

Troweir Road

Mrs Agnes (Nancy) Dewar

Pine Quadrant



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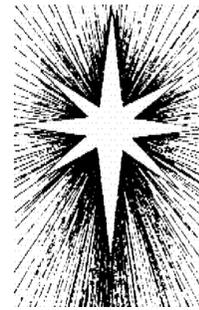
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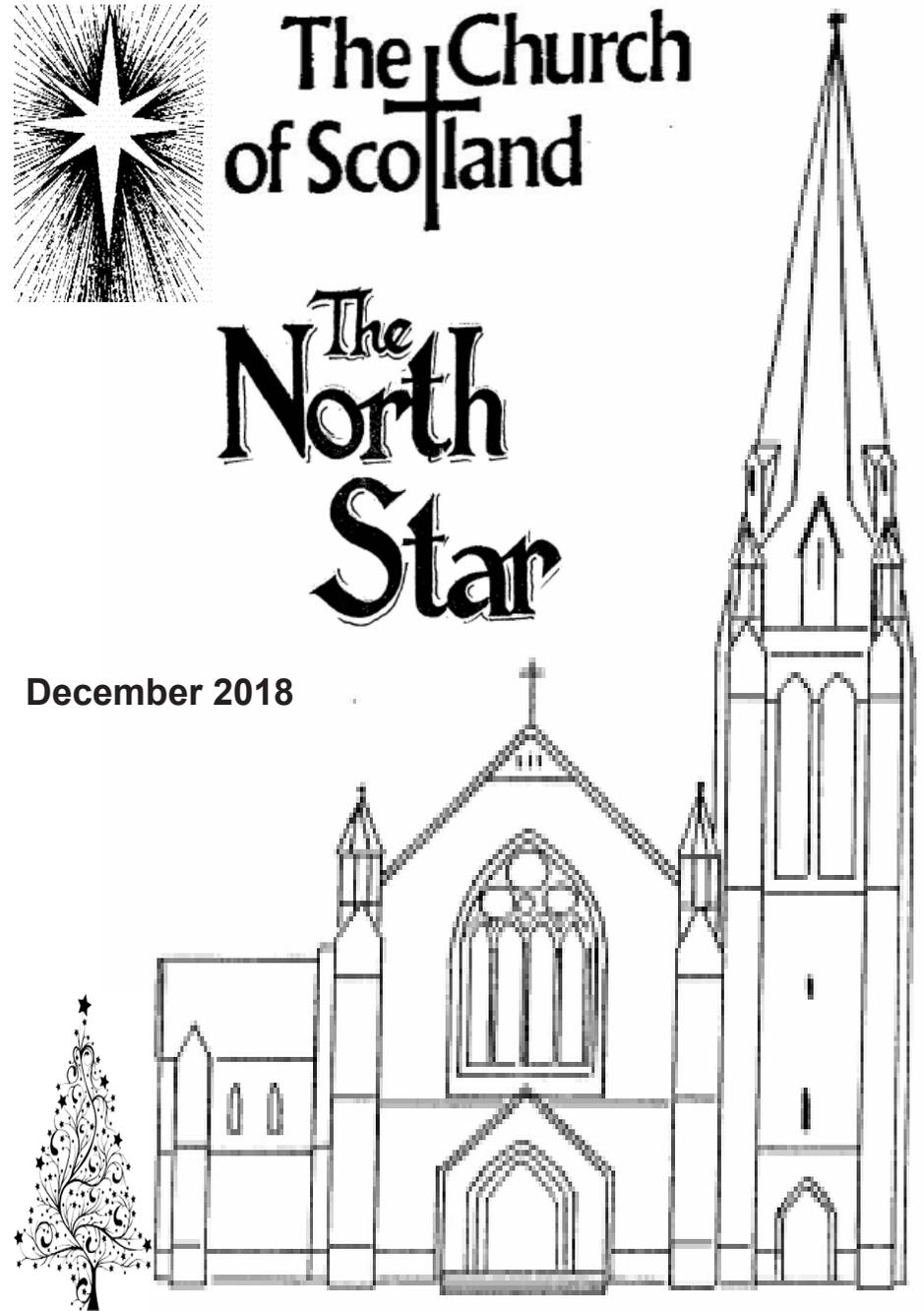
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Blythswood Care

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,

In one recent newsletter I received, the editor wrote: “Shortly after getting married my wife and I discovered we had one big, irrec-
oncilable difference. It involved shopping. She could last for hours at the mall. Meanwhile my endurance seemed to falter after about 11-minute mark. We also had sharply divergent philosophies. She was a browser. I was a drill sergeant. Identify the purchase. Dis-
patch the plastic. Return to base. But for some inexplicable reason, she preferred to doddle on the beaches of Normandy. And when she did, I produced the low haunting moans of a humpback whale.

This year we decided to preserve our marriage and our sanity (even my wife doesn’t want to shop with three small children) by doing 100% of our Christmas shopping online. Problem solved, right?

Not really. Even in cyberspace, our different approaches to shopping created friction. We both pulled a chair up to the computer. After scanning Amazon.com for a half hour, trying to locate a present for her mother, my left eye started to twitch. Finally we found something. It was a shiny, jewelry thing. “Oh, I like this,” my wife said. I added my enthusiastic support. (I don’t know if it was the right present ... they all looked the same to me.)

“Yes, that’s perfect! Add to cart!”

“Hmmm ... I’m not sure,” my wife said. “Let’s keep looking.” (Drew Dyck, Preaching Today, Church Humour Newsletter, November 28, 2018)

Are you still looking for that perfect gift? Well in exactly 28 days, from when I wrote this, we will be celebrating what is truly the most stupendous gift anyone can ever receive. It is the person of Jesus Christ, God with us. Why is He the greatest gift to human-kind? Well the answer is quite simple, He changed everything. From being at enmity with God because of our sin, Jesus reconciled us to God by taking our sin upon himself and satisfying God’s wrath on sin. Because of Christ’s gift of new life when we come to faith in Him we are no longer enemies of God but as Paul says: **“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration**

and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” ESV. (2016). (Titus 3:4–7). God is now our heavenly Father and with that comes the promise of new life in Him, companionship and friendship with Him and eternal life through Him. Oh what a gift!

The truth is that we really do not need to define the word gift. Any child who has enjoyed Christmas knows what a gift is. There is something exciting about the prospect of a gift and something exhilarating about receiving it. And, in the case of the gift of God, there is eternal enjoyment of its possession. May we all take more than a moment to thank God for the truly wonderful, magnificent gift of grace & faith given in His son for you and me.

Blessings and peace to you and your loved ones this Christmas season,

Pastor Richard & Margie



Church Calendar

Sunday	2 nd December	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	9 th December	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	16 th December	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	23 rd December	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	30 th December	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat

[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]

Sunday	9 th December	Rotary Songs Of Praise	6.30 start 7.00 pm
Sunday	16 th December	Carols, Candles & Communion	6.30 pm

F W O Envelopes

During the month of December, Elders will be delivering F.W.O. Envelopes to members in their district who have elected to use the envelopes to make their offering to the Church.

As we approach a New Year, Church members are reminded of their obligation to support the Church financially.

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.

Crèche Rota

2 nd December	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
9 th December	Arlene McGarragle, Susan Brown
16 th December	Isla Johnstone, Leslie Forbes
23 rd December	Margaret Nicol, Rhona MacKinnon
30 th December	Yuna McLeod, Michelle Scobie
6 th January 2019	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon

**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



Pastoral Care Report

The Team are continuing with the following work:-

1 Visiting members of the congregation who have requested a visitor.

2 Arranging dates and times of the minister's visits to members. Please phone and let us know of anyone wishing or needing a visit from Richard Contact the Manse 713203 or Margaret Benson 713059.

3 Sending out cards and flowers to members who have suffered a bereavement, members ill at home or in hospital, and to members celebrating a special birthday or anniversary. Please send names to Una Jess 712881 or Margaret Benson 713059.

4 Organising the Car Service. At the moment all our cars are full on a Sunday morning. We have had 2 volunteer car drivers so if we could have 2 more volunteers we could extend this service to more members who need help to get to church. Each volunteer is needed on one Sunday per month. If you can help us please phone Margaret Murdoch 714515.

5 Updating the Book of Remembrance. The book can be viewed in the Memorial Chapel. If you would like the name of a loved one inscribed in the book, please contact Violet Connor 71 2144

Helping the Team with pastoral work are the flower arrangers and the drivers who deliver the flowers after church. If this is something you would like to do, please let a member of our team know.

Team members are June Allison, Janet Arthur, Margaret Benson, Violet Connor, Una Jess, Jimmy Lindsay, Myra McCutcheon, Joyce Mills, Margie Moffat, Jean Morris, Margaret Murdoch, Peter Noble, Sylvia Stewart.

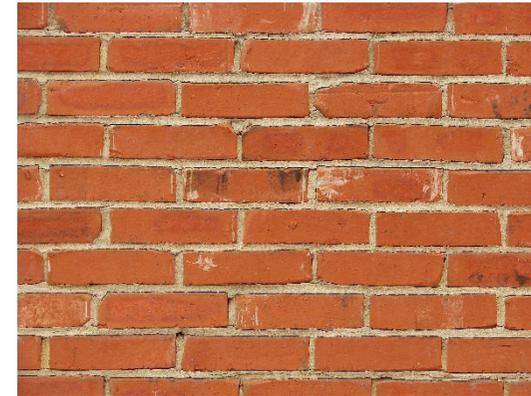
The next meeting of the Pastoral Care Team was held on 27th November at 7pm.

Likoma Appeal

We have raised over £1700 for our Buy a Brick campaign to help our twin church in Likoma. Money has been sent out to help them buy cement, which is very expensive, and they have so far made 5500 bricks. Thank you to all who have helped our cause – it has been terrific.

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
Jean Morris Jim Fairbairn Anne Fisher
Findlay Mills Sandra Smith



Outreach and Mission Team



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.



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 continue our journey through 1 Peter.

Our final session for 2018 will be held on Wednesday 19th December.

Christmas Fayre

A very successful Christmas Fayre was held in the church hall on Saturday 17th November when there was an excellent attendance of members and friends. Teas, coffees, mince pies and shortbread were served and the stalls were all busy selling. The excellent total of £1247 was raised for church funds. Thanks to everyone who donated goods, supported us by their attendance, and to all those who worked at stalls, those who served teas and those who worked behind the scenes in the kitchen. The value of the goods in the hampers was £77.46 and the winners were Julie Kelly and Lucy McSorley.

CrossReach Christmas Catalogue

If you would like to order cards, gift wrap or calendars, please contact Jennifer Ramsay in church or by phone (01465 712200 or 07443427155). Some designs may sell out quickly, so it would be a good idea to get your order in as soon as possible. A copy of the 2018 calendar is available to view in the Lesser Hall.

Flower Calendar

The Flower Calendar for 2019 will be available in December 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

12 Days of Christmas

Few of us know the meaning of the gifts depicted in the somewhat monotonous carol or, in fact, the significance of the 12 days to the story of Jesus' birth.

Between 1558 and 1829, Roman Catholics in England were forbidden from openly practising their religion. In order to reach the catechism to their children, Catholics created the song as, basically, a series of mnemonic devices to give children the broad outline of the Roman Catholic worldview and teachings.

On the first day of Christmas "my true love" gave to me a partridge in a pear tree, represents Jesus. The partridge because it's a bird that will sacrifice its life to save its children. The pear tree because of Jesus Christ's love for mankind. It epitomizes the Christian promise of salvation and eternal life.

Two turtle doves represent the Old and New Testaments

The three French hens are faith, hope and love.

Four calling birds are the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Five golden rings are the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament.

Six geese a-laying are the days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming are the gifts of the Holy Spirit, wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

Eight maids a-milking are the beatitudes, statements of characteristics and blessing, part of the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus spoke and is recorded in Matthew Chapter 5.

Nine ladies dancing, are the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The Fruit of the Holy Spirit is nine attributes of a person or community living in accord with the Holy Spirit. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Ten Lords a-leaping are the 10 Commandments,

Eleven pipers piping, are the 11 faithful apostles.

Twelve drummers drumming are the 12 points of belief in the Apostle's Creed. A statement of faith used in the Roman Catholic, Anglican and many Protestant churches.

If one understood the song's underlying meaning, it provided a pretty good skeleton upon which to begin a wider exploration about religious teachings. And it could be sung publicly leaving the Protestant establishment none the wiser.

By courtesy of Jane Willis, Mansfield Garden Centre



Prayer Topics December 2018

1. The Leprosy Mission – Bangladesh

North West Bangladesh Ultra Poverty Initiative Project works with people who are affected by disability due to leprosy and lymphatic filariasis and are living below the Ultra Poverty Line. Please pray for continued funding for this project so that it can support others who need similar help – some of the poorest and most marginalised people of Bangladesh. The Hagar Centre is a short term shelter for women excluded from family or community for reasons including leprosy and domestic violence. They are provided with shelter, food, treatment, legal aid and an environment where they can heal and develop confidence to reintegrate into their life and community. Pray for the staff and those who come to the centre for help.

2. Mission Aviation Fellowship – Democratic Republic of Congo

Praise God for MAF's presence in the DRC. Our team not only fly help, hope and healing there, but also bought food, clothes, tarpaulins and essential supplies for those living in refugee camps. Country Director Jon Cadd reports that Sheryl Strietzel, wife of MAF Pilot Lary went to pray with the Larting there and had a meaningful day encouraging many. Pray for an end to the country's humanitarian crisis. Reports indicate that there are more than 428,000 internally displaced people at 38 sites in Ituli Province where our Nyankunde base is located. Pray for the protection of orphans in the refugee settlements in eastern DRC. Pray that they recover from their traumatic experiences and are placed in godly families and will come to know God's love.

3. Open Doors – Kazakhstan & Kyrgyzstan

In September, Kazakhstan approved amendments to its Religion Law which make it more difficult for children under 16 to attend religious services. Pray for wisdom for church leaders to know how to share the gospel with young people – especially those who are monitored by the secret police. Pray for Mila, in Kyrgyzstan a believer from a Muslim

background, who leads a church in her town despite opposition from her Muslim family. Her brother recently beat her severely because of her faith. Pray for her physical and spiritual recover and for courage to continue in her ministry.

4 In these troubled times, as Christmas approaches once more, pray that we might experience the angel's glad tidings of "Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

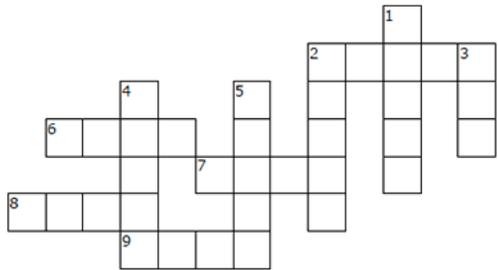
Pray for wise spending which will not lead to debt and an inability to afford the essentials once Christmas is over. Pray for charities such as The Salvation Army on their missions of mercy as they feed the hungry and provide shelter for the homeless. Pray for refugees, prisoners, patients in hospital, dementia sufferers and those with mental illnesses. Pray for all for whom this will be their first Christmas without a loved one. Remember orphans, neglected or abused children, those from broken homes and lonely elderly people who feel forgotten. For them Christmas is a sad and difficult time. Pray that the light of God's love would shine into their hearts and lighten their darkness.

Give thanks for all God's good gifts, but most of all for the greatest, the Christ Child. As we worship and celebrate the birth of Emmanuel in our special services may we do so with awe and wonder and great joy. Ask for God's empowering and blessing on Pastor Richard, Margie and their family. As we meditate on the true meaning of Christmas, pray that our lives may reflect God's great love and bless all with whom we come in contact and honour the King of kings. "O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel."

Choir

The Choir practices take place on a Thursday evening at 7.15 pm in the Memorial Chapel. Anyone wishing to join us will be very welcome.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. Twinkling points of light in the sky at night
6. To make a request to God
7. The large heavenly body visible in the night sky
8. To raise from a lower to a higher position
9. The part of the body containing the brain, eyes, ears, nose, mouth

DOWN

1. To observe very carefully
2. To rise to an upright position on your feet
3. The earth's source of heat and light
4. The planet on which we live
5. Large, white, fluffy things floating in the sky

PRAY	STARS	EARTH	STAND	MOON
WATCH	CLOUD	LIFT	HEAD	SUN

*Christ
Is Coming!*

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Children's Worship Bulletin

Jesus Is Coming Again

Luke 21:25-36

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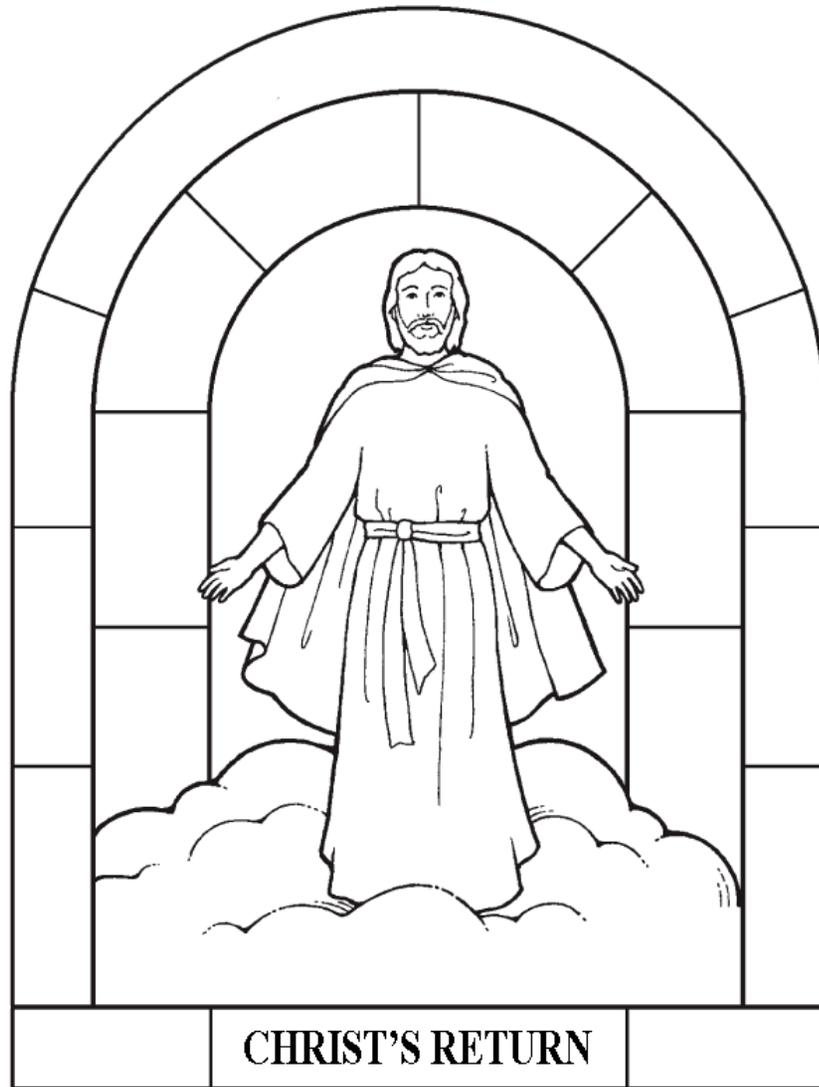
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CAREFUL	GLORY	MOON	REDEMPTION	STARS
CLOUD	HEADS	NATIONS	SEA	SUN
EARTH	HEAVEN	POWER	SIGNS	WATCH
ESCAPE	LIFT	PRAY	STAND	WORLD

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Coloring Page

Decoder Puzzle



"Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory."
 Luke 21:27

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

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

- 9-14-15-17-23-8 _____
- 2-6-1-23-8 _____
- 3-26-1-24 _____
- 25-14-15-26-24 _____
- 8-18-25-19-8 _____
- 21-1-12-9-2 _____
- 14-18-13-12 _____
- 9-1-26-6-13-17-14 _____

GLORY	CAREFUL	HEADS	WATCH
PRAY	CLOUDS	LIFT	SIGNS

