

Church Register

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

December

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Ainslie Manor

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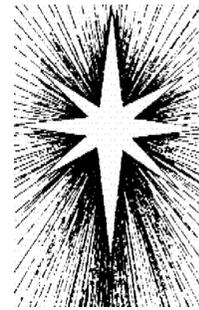
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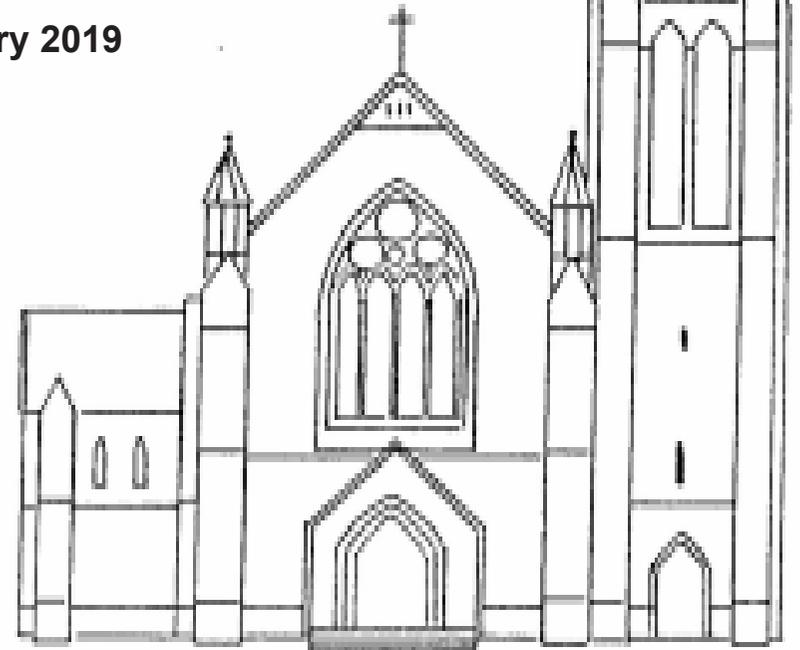
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Blythswood Care

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 New Year!

In Calvin & Hobbes cartoon Hobbes, Calvin's stuffed tiger, asks, "Did you make any resolutions for the New Year?"

Calvin becomes highly indignant and shouts, "NO! I'm fine just the way I am! Why should I change? In fact, I think it's high time the world started to change to suit ME! I don't see why I should do all the changing around here. If the New Year requires resolutions, I say it's up to everybody else, not me! I don't need to improve! Everyone ELSE does!" After he finishes his tirade Calvin asks, "How about you? Did you make any resolutions?"

Hobbes says, "Well, I had resolved to be less offended by human nature, but I think I blew it already."

As we head into the New Year, we often think that there is a "clear" button we can push which will get us started again or like Calvin, we think we have arrived, that we don't have any more growing to do. But the reality is that when we came into this world, we were physically alive but at the same time spiritually dead. In other words, we had neither the presence of God in our lives nor the knowledge of His will. Our minds were programmed to live independently of Him and we were mentally conformed to this world.

If we want to change and make a fresh start, entering the New Year certainly gives us an opportunity, but the real way to hit reset is to do what Paul tells us in Romans 12:1 **"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."** By telling us this he is, in effect, saying that if we want to clear our minds, if we want to have a fresh start we do so by reading, studying and applying the word of God. We fill our minds with the truth that God has for each of us in His word and we take captive every thought in obedience to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5), putting into practice "threshold" thinking. In other words we evaluate every thought by the truth of Scripture, and don't let our mind entertain

thoughts which run contrary to the will of God.

To sustain and encourage us when our commitment to do the will of God is being challenged by thoughts from the world, the flesh, or the devil, we must bring what we are faced with to God in prayer (Philippians 4:6). By taking that course of action we are acknowledging God and exposing our thoughts to His truth. We will then find that the Holy Spirit dissolves our "double-mindedness" "and the peace of God . . . shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

The truth is that each of us has the responsibility to think for ourselves and respond to what God teaches us through His word and not lay the responsibility for change on everyone else, like Calvin attempted to do. Again Scripture helps us if we will memorize and recall to mind what Paul says in Philippians 4:8: **"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things."**

As we continue in 2019 may we commit ourselves to renewing our mind by reading, reflecting and responding to Scripture daily in order to bring our mind under God's control.

God's blessings, peace and grace to you and your loved ones this coming year,

Pastor Richard & Margie

Jars of Grace

The Jars of Grace should be returned to Church as soon as possible as we propose to count the coins on Sunday 13th January.

Church Calendar

Sunday	6 th January	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	13 th January	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	20 th January	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	27 th January	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	3 rd February	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat

Crèche Rota

6 th January	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
13 th January	Arlene McGarragle, Susan Brown
20 th January	Isla Johnstone, Leslie Forbes
27 th January	Margaret Nicol, Rhona MacKinnon
3 rd February	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

[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]

Sunday	20 th January	Service at Boyle Court	2.00 pm
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Wednesday Break

Come and join us while we journey through 1 Peter as the apostle gives us lessons on how to live an exemplary life – this is the same apostle who kept “putting his foot in it” as he journeyed with Jesus but when the Holy Spirit filled him – his life changes.

The Wednesday Break is open to all who want to hear more of the Gospel – a short informal service lasting 30 minutes followed by tea/ coffee. The service is led by members of the Worship Team at 10.30 in the small hall every Wednesday.

On Sunday 20th January we will be at Boyle Court to conduct a short service for the residents and all who come to join us, at 2.00 pm.

FUNDRAISING, ACTIVITIES & COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

(FACT)

The Kirk Session has given permission to recruit 2 more members.
Watchnight Service – Christmas cake and shortbread.

Carols Candles & Communion – tea and biscuits.

It was agreed that there is need to recruit more helpers from
teams for the tea rota.

Details arrangements for the Christmas Fayre were agreed.

Scotch Night

Our Scotch Night which was held on Thursday 11th October 2018
raised the total of £300 Our thanks to everyone who supported this
fund raising event

Christmas Fayre 2018

The Christmas Fayre that was held on November 17th 2018 raised
the fantastic sum of £1299.02. Our thanks to all who contributed
and participated in our very successful fund raising event

Maybole Concert Party

The Maybole Concert Party are holding a Concert at the North Par-
ish Church in the large hall on the 14th February 7.30 pm. A light buf-
fet will be provided. Tickets £5.00 each and posters to be prepared.
Tickets can be obtained from team members: -

Margaret Grassom, Agnes Gibson, Fiona McCutcheon, Irene Tyson,
Barbara Sloan, Billy Benson, Ian Fitzsimmons, Janette Robertson
and Matthew Scobie.

Future Events

M & Co Fashion Show to be held in the shop on 5 March. Tickets
£3.00.

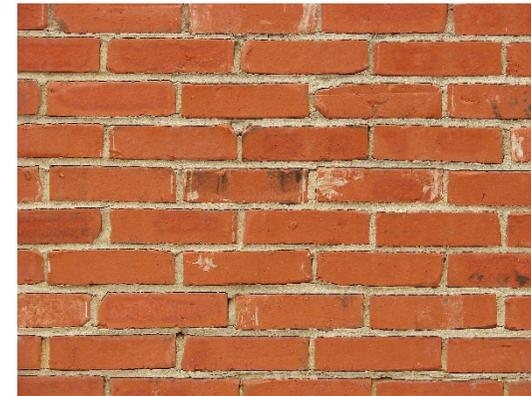
Spring Fayre – 27th April 10.00 – 12 noon – Tickets £2.00 each.

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 caust – 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

Sunday School

Over the last couple of months in Sunday School, we have been finding out about David the shepherd boy, how he fought and beat Goliath and about when he went to live at the palace with King Saul.

One week we made a den where David hid from King Saul and read that David spared King Saul's life – David showed King Saul that you can choose to do the right thing, to be a better person.

We have also been revisiting the Christmas story and made some lovely cards that Pauline and Hope took to Hillcrest for the residents.

On December 8th, we went to the Pantomime at Girvan Academy – Aladdin. It was great fun, great costumes and dances and the local children in it were fantastic!

Sunday School will start back again in the New Year – hope to see you there!

At the heart. On the edge.

St John's Parish Church, Duke Street Hamilton will be the venue for a day hosted by Revd Joanne Hood, Minister of St. John's Parish Church and Revd Dr Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields. Includes theology, ideas, solutions and support. The Programme is jointly developed by St John's and St. Martin's – it also features Rev Dr Robin Hill on 'Sing with the Swing Band'

Wednesday 6th February 10.00 am – 3.30 pm.

To book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/at-the-heart-on-the-edge-tickets-52869486056>

Pastoral Care Report

Happy New Year to all the congregation from the Pastoral Care Team.

During December our team delivered miniature rose plants and Christmas cards to 30 of our members. Some of these members are visited regularly in their own homes by our team. Other members, who are in care homes in Dalmellington, Ayr, Maybole and Girvan, also received a plant and a Christmas card. This was funded from the Church Flower Fund and cards were kindly made for us by Mandy McGlaughlan. This initiative has been much appreciated.

Our Team first met a year ago in January 2018. At that time we took on responsibility for work already ongoing in the church. re Delivering flower arrangements to 4 homes after the Service each Sunday and the rota for the Church Car Service. We started to send out cards to the bereaved, the sick and also to those members celebrating a special birthday or anniversary. During the year over 100 cards were sent out. We established a list of members who would like a regular visit and this is now ongoing. The Book of Remembrance has been updated during the year and can be viewed in the Memorial Chapel. We organise dates and times for the minister to visit members.

In 2019 we plan to continue the work we have started and to look at ways we might extend our Pastoral Care work.

Please contact the following people if you have pastoral needs or if you know of someone who does.

Request for a visit from the minister Manse 713202 or Margaret Benson 713059

Car Service Margaret Murdoch 714515

Book of Remembrance Violet Connor 712144

Cards for bereavement or illness Una Jess 712881

Flowers Margaret Benson 713059

The following team members can also be contacted:-

June Allison, Janet Arthur, Jimmy Lindsay, Myra McCutcheon, Joyce Mills, Margie Moffat, Jean Morris, Peter Noble, Sylvia Stewart.

The next meeting of the Pastoral Care Team will be on Monday 21st January at 7pm.

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.

Notes from Outreach and Mission Team

Robert gave a well-deserved Vote of Thanks to Sandra, the team members, helpers and hosts for all the hard work involved in hosting the visitors from Malawi and the wonderful Social Evening held on Tuesday 12th September. It was greatly enjoyed by all present and donations of £125 were received on the night.

Having indicated his wish to step down as team leader, as no replacement was forthcoming, Robert agreed to continue meantime.

Following the resignations of Norma Logan on retiring from the Eldership and Jean Morris for personal reasons, we are now under strength as a Team. Robert asked for permission to approach two members of congregation and this was agreed.

A donation of £200 for Likoma was received from Mr & Mrs L Ingram following their recent 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Sandra gave an update on Likoma. The £1000 we sent bought 90 bags of cement from which 5,500 blocks were made. They have had a fundraiser but didn't reach their target. A team from Presbytery is going to Malawi next year. Sandra is willing to go and asked if anyone else would like to go. Unfortunately no one else will be able

Ladies Afternoon Badminton Club

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Wednesday 9th January in the church hall from 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

It's a fun afternoon of "not too strenuous badminton." Why not come along and give it a try. New members will be given a warm welcome.

Best wishes to all for 2019.

Nancy Stewart

Prayer Topics January 2019

1. The Leprosy Mission – India

Pray for God's blessings on people affected by leprosy in their day to day lives. Pray for the successful outcome of TLM India's work among them so that God's name is glorified. Pray also that through the Mission's work, they will realise God's love and care.

2. Mission Aviation Fellowship – Papua New Guinea

Praise God that the airstrip at Noru has been reopened after more than 10 years! An inspection by MAF pilots Richie Axon and Glenys Watson deemed it safe to land. The local community can now send its produce to market and receive other much needed services. Coming up to the one-year anniversary of devastating earthquakes of February 2018, pray for the re-building of homes and the restoration of livelihoods for those affected. Praise the Lord that MAF was able to bring much needed supplies to the worst hit areas.

3. Open Doors – North Korea

North Korea has been number one on the Open Doors World Watch List since 2002 making it the most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian. Pray for change within the regime and that the power of evil over the nation will be broken. Pray for police officers and secret intelligence agents actively involved in hunting down Christians. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak through Christians who are in the hands of the government, so that their witness becomes powerful and effective. An estimated 50,000 to 70,000 Christians are held captive in labour camps, prisons and sealed off villages. Yet, from secret Christians who survived, we know that God is at work even in the camps. Ask God to give imprisoned Christians strength to endure and supernatural grace to be channels of this love.

4. Praise God that though we do not know what this new year will

hold, we do know that He is in control and He has promised "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Ask for grace to trust Him in good times and in hard times. Pray for the leaders of our country with difficult decisions to make at the present time. Pray for all who suffer worldwide for whatever reason, especially those whose lives have been devastated by violent storms or fierce fighting.

Pray that our nation would turn back to God from its attempts to live by self efforts alone, and might realise that He has given us life and only He can enable us to live a life that is holy and true and fulfilling. Pray that we may discover the power of earnest, effectual prayer leading to revival. Ask God to give our church teams His wisdom in all things. Pray for Pastor Richard's encouragement and enabling and that we all make this year one of new commitment, trust and love to God's praise and glory.

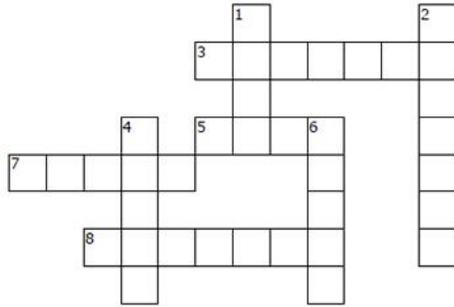
South Carrick Churches Together

South Carrick Churches Together are having a service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday 20th January at 7.00 pm in Milestone, Bridge Street. Please come along, you'll be made most welcome.

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



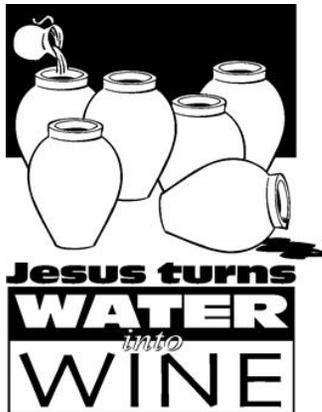
ACROSS

3. An event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
5. Of the highest quality; One that surpasses all others
7. Low in cost; of poor quality; inferior
8. One who is employed to perform services for someone else

DOWN

1. A beverage made of the fermented juice of grapes
2. A ceremony joining a man and woman as husband and wife
4. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid, H₂O
6. To eat or drink a small amount

TASTE	SERVANT	WATER	MIRACLE
WEDDING	BEST	WINE	CHEAP



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Children's Worship Bulletin

Water Into Wine

John 2:1-11

Word Search Puzzle

V K L E W A T E R K X I N W S
 U C N J G D A A J Y H X R L I
 Y I S G I R S Q K D S V I W G
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JARS	WEDDING	FILLED	MASTER	SAVED
LAST	SIGNS	FAITH	BEST	CANA
GLORY	WINE	TASTED	SERVANTS	WATER

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Girvan, Sth. Ayrshire

Multiple Choice Quiz

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- ___ 1. A ceremony joining a man and woman as husband and wife
A. taste B. cheap C. wedding D. wine
- ___ 2. A beverage made of the fermented juice of grapes
A. miracle B. servant C. wine D. best
- ___ 3. An event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
A. best B. wedding C. servant D. miracle
- ___ 4. One who is employed to perform services for someone else
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The Miracles of Jesus



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Jesus is special. He can do miracles.

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