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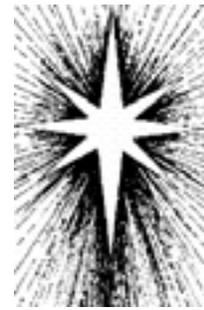
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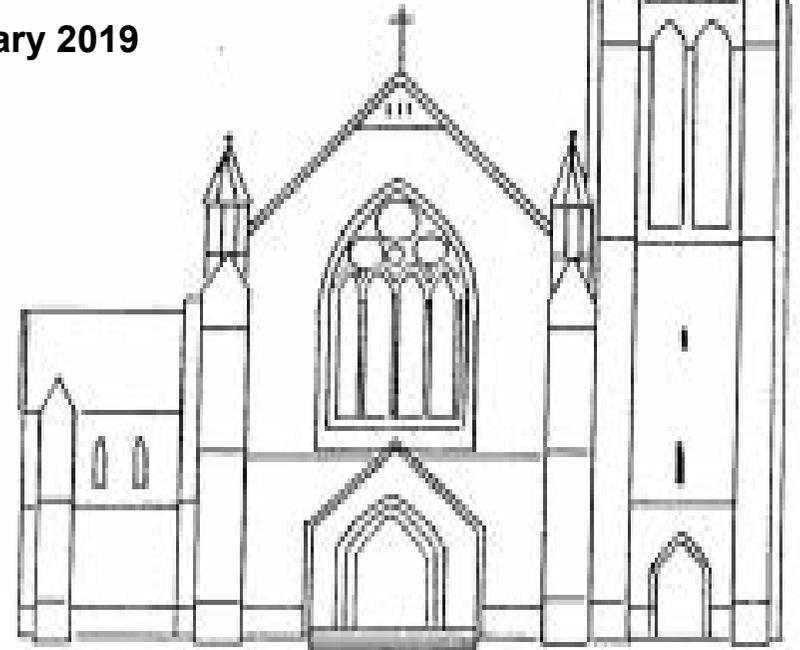
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Blythswood Care

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.

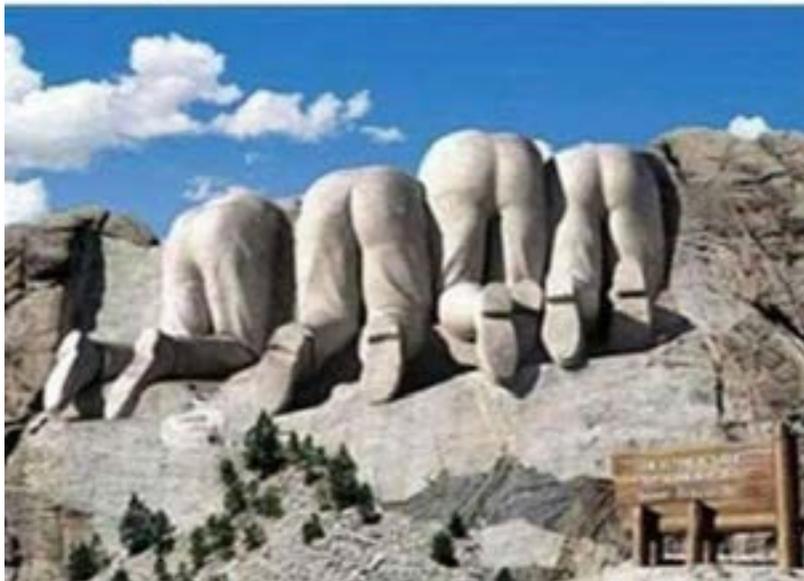
The church will send off the ones to TLM (Scotland) while the rest will be taken to Rotary for them to send to CHAS.

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 one and all.

I trust that this newsletter finds you all well. I just couldn't resist sharing this photograph with you and wondered who thinks of such things?

You know, there are some things that you just never think of like Mt. Rushmore from the Canadian side.



We all like to laugh and laughter helps us really appreciate life. The following is adapted from a sermon a colleague of mine wrote several years ago. Given that sometimes others say better, than I ever could, what I would like to teach I thought it would be

worth sharing with you. Did you know that when you look through the New Testament, there appears to be only two places where laughter is explicitly mentioned? The first instance is Matthew 9, when Jesus was called to the home of a ruler of a synagogue, and it's no laughing matter. The synagogue ruler's little daughter has just died. Jesus comes into that place of death, and he dares to speak of life: Your daughter will live.

The crowd laughs. What kind of laughter is that? It's mocking laughter. It is the cynical laughter of disbelief. The crowd laughed when Jesus spoke of life intruding where there was horrible grief, death, sadness, and weeping.

The second type of laughter is not the cynical laughter of disbelief, but the laughter that comes from reversal—the smile that breaks out on the face when things go better than you had expected. That's the essence of many jokes: you're going down one path and suddenly flip at the end in unexpected ways, and we laugh. We find the laughter of reversal in Luke 6:21, when the grin is occasioned by that unexpected grace of God.

Genesis 18 reminds us that Sarah had reason enough to weep: she was 90 years old, and likely had a bowed back, few teeth, and digestive problems. When God promised Sarah and her good-as-dead husband (the words are Paul's) that they would have a number of children greater than the number of the stars—children by whom all the families of the earth would be blessed—99-year-old Abraham let out a toothless cackle. When Sarah overheard, she, too, had a good laugh: God talking obstetrics to somebody my age? Don't make me laugh! This is the first kind of New Testament laughter: the laughter of cynical disbelief.

When God heard Sarah laugh, he asked her a fabulous question: Is there anything that is too wonderful for the Lord? Then he told her to name her child Isaac—which means “laughter”—just to remind her every time she looked at him that the joke is on her. Three chapters later in Genesis, the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Nine months later, she laughed all the way from the geri-

atric ward to the maternity ward. Isaac—"Little Laughter"—was born. Sarah laughed a second time. But this time she wasn't hiding in the tent when she laughed. Hers was now the laughter of evangelical wonder—evangelical laughter. Sarah says in Genesis 21:6, "God has brought laughter for me. Now everyone who hears will laugh with me."

When you think about what my colleague has said we discover that laughter is truly a gift. A gift which is given to us when we have a relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. The following quote perfectly sums up the point of what I am trying to say: "Happiness is friendship and laughter; it is a loving companion; it is loving our neighbour; it is a lovely day; it is the beauty of the earth; it is the sweet content and peace which occasionally overwhelms us and which we cannot account for. But far surpassing all these and many more is the sublime happiness of finding God and loving him." Kitty Muggeridge, Gazing on Truth. Christianity Today, Vol. 31, no. 3.

May the laughter and joy of Christ be with you all.

Pastor Richard

South Carrick Churches Together

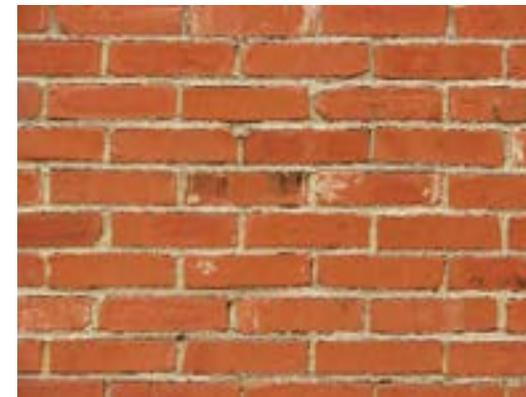
There will be a service for the World Day of Prayer, organised through SCCT, on Friday 1st March at 7.00 pm at Milestone Christian Fellowship on Bridge Street. There will be participants from all the local churches. This years' service has been written Christians in Slovenia. Hope to see you there!

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

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>

Jars of Grace

The Jars of Grace this year raised £370.39 which will be donated to Friends of Hillcrest. Many thanks to all who contributed and helped with the count.

Fundraising, Activities & Communication Team:

We are hosting an evening of entertainment by the Maybole Concert Party on **Thursday 14th February at 7.30 pm**. Tickets are now on sale at £5.00 and this includes a light supper and refreshments._



Crèche Rota

3 rd February	Yuna McLeod, Michelle Scobie
10 th February	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
17 th February	Arlene McGarragle, Susan Brown
24 th February	Isla Johnston, Leslie Forbes
3 rd March	Margaret Nicol, Rhona MacKinnon

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

Christian Education and Discipleship Team

Team remit

The team is responsible for the teaching of children and young people; organises provision of Creche facilities on Sunday Mornings; encourage youth leaders of Sunday School, the Boys' and Girls Brigades, who nurture the interest of children and young people in the life of the congregation.

The team consists of Robert Jess, Margaret Nicol, Diane Irvine, Isobel Bone, Tina Ingram, Billy Leith, Sconaid Clark, and Pauline Rattery

The team decided to send Christmas cards to the residents of Hillcrest residential unit. Pauline and the Sunday School delivered the cards and they were well received.

Church Calendar

Sunday	3 rd February	Morning Worship	Rev Alistair Morrison
Sunday	10 th February	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	17 th February	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	24 th February	Sacrament of Holy Communion	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	3 rd March	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat

[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]

Pastoral Care Report

The Pastoral Care Team met on Monday 21st January when the following business was discussed:-

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- Kirk Session has given its approval for Mary Leach to join our team.
- Sylvia Stewart and Jean Morris have had Safeguarding checks successfully completed.
- Distribution of flowers and cards is going well and members have been showing their appreciation. If you know of someone who should get flowers please contact a member of our team.
- Visits to members continuing and going well.
- Violet Connor is in process of getting more names to go into Book of Remembrance. If you would like a loved one's name included please contact Violet on 712144.
- More car drivers have volunteered for this service.. This means there are 2 more seats available each Sunday. If this would enable you or someone you know to come to church contact Margaret Murdoch 714515
- If you would like a visit from the minister contact Margaret Benson on 713059 A suitable date and time will be arranged.
- If you would like Home Communion, please let elders know when they call with your communion cards and it will be arranged.
- Margie Moffat spoke to our team, passing on her experience of pastoral visiting and giving 10 tips for active listening.
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The next meeting of the Pastoral Care Team will be on Thursday 5th March at 7pm.

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.

The Danger in Being Part of a Church Choir.

Our choir had grown so large that folding chairs had been placed up to and around the pulpit. This seriously restricted our pastor, who likes to move about when preaching. One Sunday, in fact, our pastor had flung out a hand to emphasize a point--and hit a lady choir member full in the face!

The following Sunday, the pastor had just started his sermon when the congregation broke into laughter. He stood there, confused, until someone pointed to the choir behind him. He turned around, and there sat the lady he had struck the week before, calmly wearing a catcher’s mask.

Mellie J. Smith-Smith, Lake Wales, Fla. Christian Reader, “Lite Fare.”

24 Things to Always Remember. . .

and One Thing to Never Forget

your presence is a present to the world.
You’re unique and one of a kind.
Your life can be what you want it to be.
Take the days just one at a time.

Count your blessings, not your troubles.
You’ll make it through whatever comes along.
Within you are so many answers.
Understand, have courage, be strong.

Don’t put limits on yourself.
So many dreams are waiting to be realized.
Decisions are too important to leave to chance.
Reach for your peak, your goal, and your prize.

Nothing wastes more energy than worrying.
The longer one carries a problem, the heavier it gets.
Don’t take things too seriously.
Live a life of serenity, not a life of regrets.

Remember that a little love goes a long way.
Remember that a lot . . . goes forever.
Remember that friendship is a wise investment.
Life’s treasures are people . . . together.

Realize that it’s never too late.
Do ordinary things in an extraordinary way.
Have health and hope and happiness.
Take the time to wish upon a star.

And don’t ever forget . . .
For even a day . . . How very special you are

Prayer Topics February 2019

1. The Leprosy Mission – Nepal

Pray for God's continuous grace, comfort and strength for Shovakhar Dandel and his family. Pray that he may serve people with a loving tender heart so that God's love is reflected through his actions and words and many more lives will be transformed through TLM's ministry. Since the 2015 earthquakes TLM Nepal has been restoring the damaged infrastructure of Anandaban Hospital. A new trauma centre, staff quarter, guesthouse and ward building are underway. Pray that the Lord will remove all barriers to quality construction so that Anandaban Hospital can be a beacon of excellence.

2. Mission Aviation Fellowship – Timor [Leste]

Praise God for MAF's many medical emergency flights in Timor-Leste. During one 2 week period, 14 medevacs took place. These included a patient suffering with pregnancy complications, a person suffering from a cerebral haemorrhage and another with septic shock. Give thanks for our ability to help those needing urgent medical treatment. Praise the Lord for the opportunity to fly T-L's Prime Minister and provide flights for the Government. Pray a special blessing on the country's authorities and all those with whom we come into contact. Our team continues to assemble packages containing essentials like toiletries, food, clean clothes for the many patients MAF airlifts to hospital. Pray that the hearts of those who receive the care parcels will be touched and they will know that people are caring for them in Jesus' name.

3. Open Doors – Mexico

Corruption at all levels of government has led to an increase in persecution. The most violent attacks occur when Christians are considered a threat to organised crime. Many pastors face intimidation and death threats – with the aim of silencing their ministries. Christian converts in indigenous communities are punished for leaving tribal

customs and expelled from their homes. Pray for those in drug cartels who kidnap, terrorise and kill Christians – that they would discover the love of Jesus. Pray for God's provision and grace for Christians who are denied access to basic social services and resources. Pray for physical protection for persecuted believers in one of the most violent countries in the world.

4. Pray for all people who produce material for the media and internet. Pray that they may consider very seriously the impact their material may have on, their viewers, especially children and other vulnerable people. Pray for those very badly affected by violent and depressive viewing that they may receive the counselling and help and support they so much need. Ask God to highlight the evil in our society and turn hearts to see Him and His righteousness. Give thanks for God's faithfulness and patience with our waywardness and stumbling efforts to follow Him and ask for a spirit of true repentance and the strength and willingness to walk more closely with Him day by day. Uphold Pastor Richard and Margie and ask God's guidance as they lead us in the outworking of His purpose and sharing of His love in this church and community.

Choir

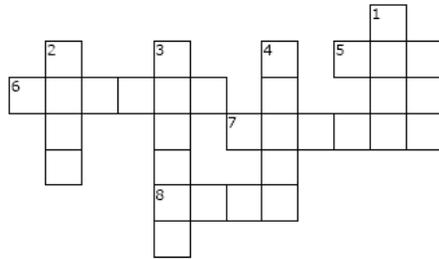
The Choir practices take place on a Thursday evening at 7.15 pm in the Memorial Chapel. Anyone wishing to join us will be very welcome.

Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
Luke 6:20 (NIV)

Children's Worship Bulletin

Crossword Puzzle

The Beatitudes



ACROSS

5. A feeling of great happiness
6. The home of God, the angels, and those who have been saved
7. To have a desire or need for food
8. Having a great amount of money

DOWN

1. Having very little money or few possessions
2. To shed tears
3. Something given or received in return for good behavior
4. The sound which expresses happiness or delight

joy	poor	rich	weep
reward	hungry	laugh	heaven



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In Search of Happiness

Luke 6:17-26

Word Search

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blessed	exclude	evil	insult	comfort
reject	joy	satisfied	hunger	woe
reward	rich	great	kingdom	hate
weep	poor	rejoice	mourn	laugh

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Fill in the Blanks Quiz

Look up Luke 6:20-23 in the Bible. Answers are also in the box below the fill in the blanks quiz.

Looking at his disciples, he said:

"Blessed are you who are _____,
for yours is the _____ of God.

Blessed are you who _____ now,
for you will be _____.

Blessed are you who _____ now,
for you will _____.

Blessed are you when men _____ you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

"Rejoice in that day and leap for _____, because _____ is
your _____ in _____. For that is how their fathers treated the
_____.

Luke 6:20-23 (NIV)

great	hunger	laugh	reward
hate	joy	poor	satisfied
heaven	kingdom	prophets	weep



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He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases.
Luke 6:17-18 (NIV)