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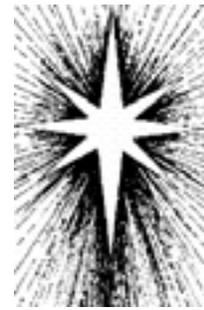
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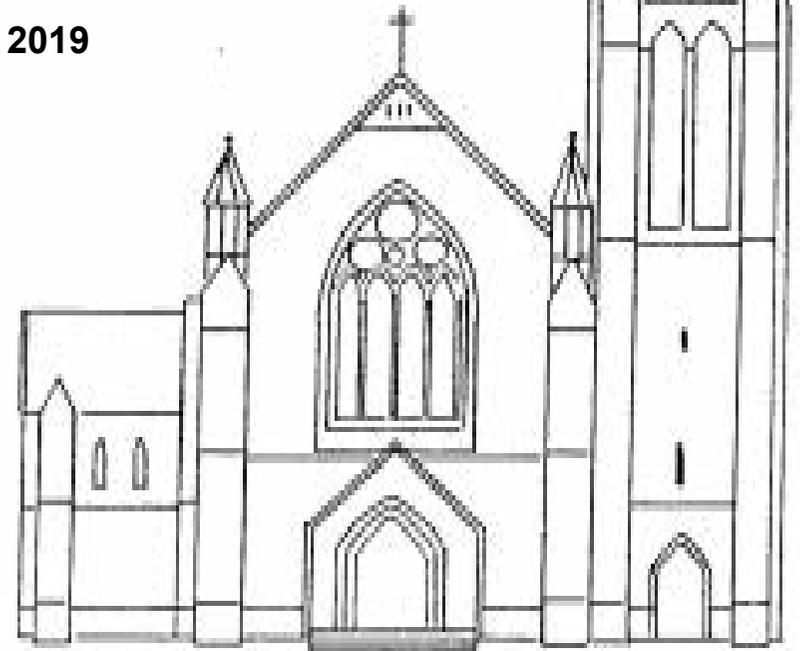
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Blythswood Care

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!

My Dear friends and fellow saints,

This will be, as you are now aware, be my last newsletter as your minister. I write this with mixed emotions as we have been made to feel welcome and have truly enjoyed our time here. However, for various reasons, family in particular, we believe it is time to move on. So our thanks to all of you, who have been so kind and helpful to us during our ministry here and may God richly bless you as you seek a new minister.

As I thought about what to share with you I was reminded of the story which emerged from the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. You might remember the 26-year-old member of the British team, by the name of Derek Redmond who was favoured to win the 400 metres. Half-way into his semifinal heat he tore a hamstring which caused him to crumple to the track. As the medics came to his rescue, Derek scrambled to his feet hopping, pushing, in a crazed attempt to finish the race. That is when a big man pushed through the crowd toward the track. He wore a t-shirt with the question: "Have you hugged your kid today?" He wore a cap that said, "Just do it!" The man was Jim Redmond, Derek's dad. When he got to his son he said, "Derek, you don't have to do this." Derek replied, "Yes I do." That is when big Jim put his arm around Derek and said, "Then we'll do it together." That's exactly what they did.

Our heavenly Father is willing always to come out of the stands into the midst of our need to assist us, to carry us and to let us lean on Him. The apostle Paul says in Hebrews 12:1-2: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." The Holy Bible: English Standard Version. (2016). Crossway Bibles.

In this verse he is giving us a clarion call to continue to run the race no matter what difficulties or problems we might encounter. Why?

Because we have the example of the Lord Jesus Christ, who endured something more painful than anything we will ever face, and who triumphed through his willingness to be obedient and to finish the race.

As you enter a new phase of your journey I would call upon all of you to continue to run as a team, working together, to fulfill your calling, to share the good news of the gospel while leaning on Him. And as you do that pray and seek God's face because, as you seek Him, He will open His hand to bless, strengthen, encourage and help you accomplish what He has asked you all to do.

Although we may not be present we will continue to pray for you, the prayer I have been praying for you nearly every day since we came: "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." The Holy Bible: English Standard Version. (2016). (Eph 3:14–19). Crossway Bibles.

May the Lord truly bless all of you and your families,
Pastor Richard and Margie

And: "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version. (2016). (Eph 3:14–21).
Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Pastor Richard

Crèche Rota

3 rd March	Margaret Nicol, Rhona MacKinnon
10 th March	Yuna McLeod, Michelle Scobie
17 th March	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
24 th March	Arlene Mc Garragle, Susan Brown
31 st March	Isla Johnstone, Leslie Forbes
7 th April	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:

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LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES FOR ELDERS

At the Communion Service on Sunday 24th June 2019, the following serving Elders of Girvan North Parish Church were presented with Long Service Certificates:

Margaret Benson (35)	Robert Bone (35)
Alexander Clark (32)	Violet Connor (35)
Elizabeth Dunlop (39)	James Fairbairn (35)
Ian Fitzsimmons (32)	Agnes Gibson (35)
Margaret Grassom (38)	Robert Jess (32)
Stuart Kilpatrick (39)	William Leith (39)
Eric Mackinnon (38)	Arlene McGarragle (32)
Jennifer Ramsay (32)	William Benson (44)
Ronald A. Gibson (43)	James Nicol (41)
Peter Noble (50)	

Elders Emeritus:

The following retired Elders were also presented with Long Service Certificates:

Robert Dunlop (37)
Robert Grassom (52)
Thomas Proudfoot (58)

NB: Numbers in brackets after each name are the years of service of each elder.

Ronald A. Gibson
Session Clerk

Pastoral Care Team Report

We continue our work making pastoral visits, delivering cards and flowers to the sick and the bereaved, organising the car service, keeping the Book of Remembrance up to date.

We do not always hear about people who are ill at home or in hospital. Please help us by letting a member of our team know. It is much better for us to hear a few times than not to hear at all. We very much appreciate your help.

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

The next meeting of the Pastoral Care team will be in the Session Room at 7pm on Thursday 7th March.

Charity Shop.

In July I will be running a charity shop for one week to raise funds for the mission trip to Malawi, which will take place next year possibly May/June. If you are clearing out any clothes or Bric a Bric, books etc .could you please hold onto it till July when I will be able to start collecting any items which I can sell in the shop. Your help is gratefully appreciated.

Many thanks. Sandra Smith

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.

Church Calendar

Sunday	3 rd March	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	10 th March	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	17 th March	Morning Worship	Rev. Richard Moffat
Sunday	24 th March	Morning Worship	
Thursday	28 th March	Rev Richard Moffat – Induction into new charge – Dyke & Edinkillie Parish Church, Morayshire.	
Sunday	31 st March	Morning Worship	

[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]

Monday	4 th March		[7.00 pm]
	Kirk Session/Trustees – Approval of Accounts		
Tuesday	5 th March		[7.00 pm]
	Presbytery Meeting, Carrick Centre Maybole		
Sunday	10 th March		During Morning Worship
	Annual Stated Business Meeting		
Sunday	17 th March		
	Farewell Service to Rev. Richard Moffat, followed by Soup & Sweet Lunch		

Prayer Topics March 2019

1. The Leprosy Mission – Chad

There is not much interest in the leprosy work in Chad as other problems such as malnutrition, AIDS and malaria are given priority. Please pray that health staff and stakeholders increase their commitment to leprosy control and disability prevention. Leprosy reaction is a problem in Chad. Many patients come late and often too late to avoid permanent damage. Pray that health workers will be continuously reminded of the importance of regular neurological exams so as to detect early symptoms. The community based rehabilitation work with disabled children and young people is having a very positive impact on their lives as desperate and sometimes hidden children come forward and are attended to through physiotherapy, medical care, the provision of working aids, support for school education or micro-credit. Pray that the work may continue and benefit the lives of many other children.

2. Mission Aviation Fellowship – Lesotho and Angola

Pray for God's blessing on Sefiri's ministry with MAF in Lesotho. Once a horse tamer who worshipped ancestral spirits, Sefiri encountered Christ and now works as a chaplain and guide. He plays a prominent role in helping mission teams engage with the local culture to "address heart issues through God's Word". Each month missionary doctor Tim Kubacki flies with MAF to hold clinics for isolated people groups in Southern Angola. Sadly the need of professional healthcare is still great, even though it's 17 years since the country's 30 year civil war ended. Please pray that Tim's efforts to demonstrate and communicate our heavenly Father's love will touch the hearts of his patients.

3. Open Doors – Pakistan

Most Christians are poor and have to work in the lowest, dirtiest occupations. An estimated 700 Christian women and girls are abducted every year in Pakistan. They are often raped and forced to marry

Muslim men which also involves forced conversion. Any Christian can find themselves accused of blasphemy and end up in jail, or beaten, or even killed by an angry mob. Pray that God will strengthen Christians to stand firm and that He will help Open Doors partners who are reaching out to persecuted believers with much needed encouragement and support.

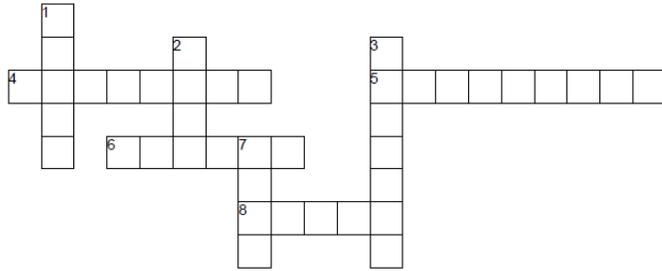
4. In these days of instability and confusion pray that there might be a turning again to God for direction, by everyone. Pray that we might be willing to set aside our differences and our personal preferences to do what is for the common good, as God reveals it to use. Pray especially for our politicians and their integrity. Give thanks for the blessing of Pastor Richard and Margie's faithful and loving ministry among us and uphold them as they set out for pastures new. Pray for a safe journey, a warm welcome from their new congregation, a quick settling in period and a fruitful and blessed ministry. Pray for an improvement in Margie's health and ask God to give them strength for the thousand and one big and little things which they need to attend to before leaving. May the Lord's blessing be on the whole family in their new home.

As the North Church becomes vacant once again, pray for the session and the various teams as they seek to find God's answers for the many decisions which will have to be made. Ask God to draw us closer to each other as we live and work together for His glory.

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



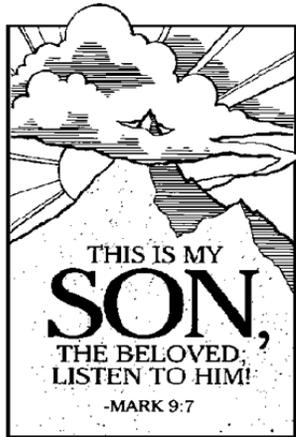
HORIZONTAL

4. A raised part of the Earth's surface, much larger than a hill
5. A flash of bright light in the sky produced by electricity
6. Ready to go to bed or take a nap
8. The opposite of being asleep

VERTICAL

1. A grey or white mass floating in the sky, made of very small drops of water
2. The front of the head, where the eyes, nose and mouth are
3. Things such as a dress or trousers that you wear to cover your body
7. To speak to God

LIGHTNING	CLOUD	FACE	SLEEPY
AWAKE	MOUNTAIN	PRAY	CLOTHES



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Children's Worship Bulletin

The Best Is Yet to Come

Luke 9:28-36

WORD SEARCH

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BRIGHT	FACE	ELIJAH	MOUNTAIN	LIGHTNING
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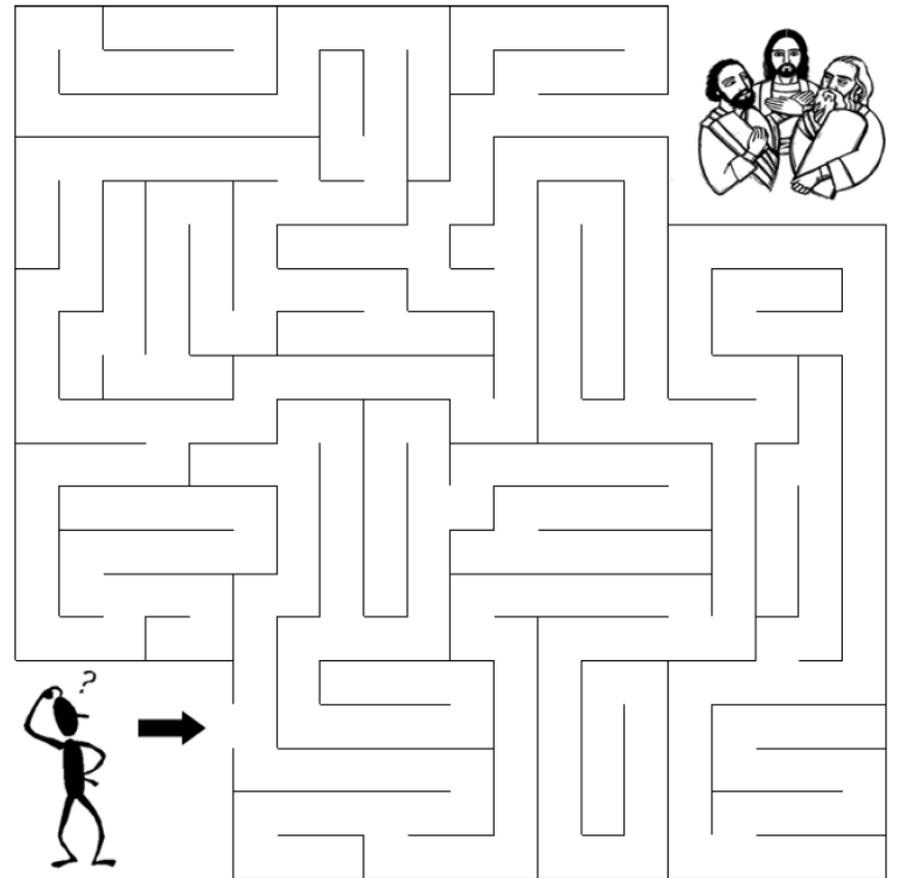


The Transfiguration

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MAZE PUZZLE

Can you find the way to Jesus, Moses, and Elijah?



As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.

Luke 9:34-35 (NIV)