

Church Register

Baptisms

Jesus said "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them"

Tobias Dalrymple-Hamilton son of Hew and Lucinda Dalrymple-Hamilton

Deaths

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

Jack Shaw

Maureen Stowers

Douglas Tudhope

Betty McLean

Alex Houston

Wheatfield Road

Kerr Court

Pine Quadrant

Kirkcare

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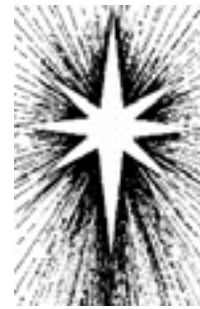
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Blythswood Care

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!

Dear friends,

The original Easter story takes its participants on a journey through different days, which complexity rather than simplify Easter faith. The different emotions and experiences along the way enrich our understandings of faith and enhance its capacity to support us both in times of sorrow and of joy. Easter is a discovery of a God who is present at all times, and in all places. Present in the ecstasy of living and in the pain of sufferings, in equal measure. Present in the past, the present and the future.

First, the story carries us from dark harrowing betrayals in the garden of Gethsemane, to haunting scenes full of flagrant injustices, with Pilates washing his hands, and the fickle crowds turning on Jesus, to public shame, the carrying of rough timber to a desolate place out with a city wall, and the sounds of hammered nails, a crown of thorns then words of abandonment in the last throes of death.

There then follows a day of wondering, and silences. When time stands still. Where the followers of Jesus wrestled with shattered hopes. Were their dreams of a new way of being, of the kingdom of life and love coming close in the life of Jesus, mere fancy. A day of uncertainty and unknowns.

And then beggaring belief, emerging softly like a new dawn breaking across a faint horizon, from these two days, of darkness and silence, comes the day of illumination. Where shards of light renew hope in the hearts of the men and women who were closest to Jesus. A day of strengthening hearts and hands and beliefs.

Easter is a journey, which embraces all three experiences sorrowful darkness, unknowing silences and hopeful illumination. Easter holds them in a critical tension. And what the eyes of faith begins to see is traces of God's presence in the shadows and the light. This is hugely significant to embrace a faith that strengthens us in both times of joy and sorrow. In blue skies and when dark storm clouds loom.

How relevant this is to us in our day to delight in the presences of God in the griefs and gifts of life. If only we have the eyes of faith to see.

Israel and the occupied Palestinian Territories

By the time you read this I will have visited Israel and the Occupied Palestinian territories twice this year. Here in the land of Jesus' birth, life and death we see first-hand the complexity of contemporary faith.

My first journey took me from Jerusalem, down into the coastal town of Jaffa, home of Jonah and the whale, where the Church of Scotland supports Tabeetha School. This is an exceptional education facility which encourages peaceful co-existence between children, parents and staff of all faiths. As such, it stands alone in a country

of great tensions between cultures and faith communities. And it is inspiring to see how a small school can make such an impact on the mindset of the local community. The wider question facing the church is how to support the school in the long term, when there are so many issues to be resolved over fabric, finance and staffing.

My second journey, with Mandy, allows me to go beyond the walls of Jerusalem and meet the living stones of the land. So our program includes a contemporary 'way of the cross' written by the Sabeel Liberation Theology Centre; a walking tour of Hebron; visits to towns in the West Bank, Checkpoint 300, the Military Court Watch in Ramallah, Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem, where we'll do some cooking; and in addition to visiting the Tent of Nations, where a Christian family refuses to make enemies with their neighbours, we'll have a chance to visit the British consul, the UN office for the Coordination of humanitarian affairs, which oversees the impact on Gaza.

My journey in the Master's footsteps is an Easter journey. One which integrates the joys and the sorrows of life. At times, I will be living in the shadow of the cross, at others in the silences of unknowing, and in others living in the deep joy of hopeful imagination.

I trust that you will enjoy a hopeful Easter

Kind regards, Ian Stirling.



'The cross is the current reality, but it is not the end. We set our eyes on the resurrection. We shall overcome.' Sabeel Liberation Theology Centre

Jesus our brother As we dare to follow in the steps you trod Be our companion on the way.

May our eyes see not only the stones that saw you But the people who walk with you now;

May our feet tread not only the path of your pain But the streets of living cities, towns and villages;

May our prayers embrace not only the memory of your presence But the flesh and blood who jostle us today.

Bless us, with them, and make us long to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.

Amen

April Newsletter from Glenn

It took less than ten seconds for Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt to cover the one hundred metre distance on the Olympic track and win the gold medal in London. Those few seconds cemented his status as the “fastest man alive” and placed him on the winner’s podium once again. The race however was not won in those seconds – it was won by hours and hours of practice, workouts, weightlifting, special diet, and coaching.

The race was not in the performance, but in the preparation. It is our desire for something greater that causes us to sacrifice some elements, even some good aspects, for the sake of items that are better.

What does this story tell us about how we should live our lives today? If we shy away from getting involved, or do not try to remove the impediments in our lives which are holding us back, the impediments will remain. If instead we get involved, stand up for our principles, and remove the object that prevents us from realising our dreams, our dreams will be realised. I am sure many are doing this already. Usain did that to realise his dreams, and we must do that too to realise our dreams

Those disciples who followed Jesus could have elected to live an easier life. They could have said they did not know Jesus or did not believe in what he stood for after he was crucified. Instead, many were martyred for their beliefs. As the famous theologian Tertullian said: “The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church”. Without the incredible sacrifices these men and women made, we would not have the church in the form we do today. Without the incredible sacrifice Jesus made on the Cross, we would not have the church in the form we do today. Without the daily sacrifice many churchgoers make in following their faith, wherever it takes them, we would not have the church in the form we do today. We must spread the Good News that Jesus Christ rose on Easter Sunday. It is a message which cannot be contained. It is a message of hope.

It is a privilege to serve you as Locum in the weeks and months that lie ahead. I will work alongside you in recognising and utilising your talents as you make the next tentative steps forward towards looking for your next Minister. I will do all I that I can to support you in this task. I know Richard is a very hard act to follow, but you will find the person, in time, who will lead your church.

I was set apart as a Reader in 2017 and served in my first Locum position, in 2018, until a new Minister was found. I will do the same here. I have an honours degree in Public Administration and Management and will hopefully graduate soon from Aberdeen University with a Diploma in Christian Studies. I have worked in the public sector in the past and supported people with learning disabilities. Many of you may have known my late father, James Kay Ronald, who was the Co-operative Manager in Dalrymple Street, until the mid-1980s. I was christened in Newton-on-Ayr Church, in 1969, by W H Whalley. I met my future wife, Wanda, at Kingcase Church in 2009. We got engaged in 2017, and we married in 2018, in Colvend, Dalbeattie. She supports me in everything I do.

I look forward to working with you during my time as Locum, in Girvan North, and becoming part of your church family. I am a very friendly person who would love to get to know as many of you as possible. Please tell me your stories and let me know why you chose to come to Girvan North. Girvan is a lovely, friendly town, and I look forward to helping you in any way I can, in the weeks and months that lie ahead, through conducting Worship, helping pastorally, and by visiting. I am doing a job that I love, and hopefully that will be apparent in everything I do.

Best wishes, Glenn.

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.

My Dear friends and fellow saints,

I am sitting in what is now my study being greeted by sunshine and a strong breeze. We are still in the throes of unpacking but are getting there. We are on the outskirts of Forres, in a country setting, with what appears to be a resident pheasant and his harem who appear each evening in the farmer's field behind the house and occasionally walk along the garden wall which is only about 3 feet high.

Let me say again that Margie and I appreciate the gifts we received from you. The print of Ailsa Craig is now hanging in pride of place above the fireplace. The monetary gift was a great surprise, very generous and very much appreciated, and we will buy something to remind us of all that you mean to us after almost six years of ministry with you.

I don't start officially until this coming Sunday which is Mother's Day and that seems like a good way to launch our ministry. It will take several weeks to settle in but we are certain God will direct and sustain us as He will you as you move forward. Please remember that YOU are the church and what is important is the ministry you provide, not the building you are presently worshipping in.

May God richly bless you as you seek a way ahead.

Shalom,
Pastor Richard and Margie

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Rev Richard G Moffat

Richard was inducted into his new charge of Dyke and Edinkillie on the evening of 28th March. A group of seven members of the congregation of Girvan North travelled to Morayshire to attend his Induction Service. This was a most inspiring service attended by members of the Presbytery, the Kirk Session and many people from his new congregation.

We all enjoyed the social after the service where we were very warmly welcomed and treated to a marvellous array of food, followed by a musical interlude and several speeches. Ron's address was very well received. Richard and Margie are currently very busy settling into their new modern manse and are looking forward to the challenges of his new ministry. It is obvious that they will be very much appreciated by the good folks of Dyke and Edinkillie and we all left with the feeling that they are in very safe hands.

Worship Team

The Worship Team would like to thank everyone who participated in the Soup and Sweet Lunch – for laying out, contributing, eating, clearing up and washing dishes. It was appreciated by Richard and Margie and gave them an opportunity to say goodbye to the gathered congregation as they toured the tables.

Wednesday Break

The Wednesday Break is a short informal service in the small hall at 10.30 am. If you have missed a Sunday service, or if you find a Sunday too long, or at an inconvenient time, please come along to our friendly group and enjoy a time of fellowship.

With Richard having left for pastures new, Eric, Stuart and Anne continue to address our small gathering with Kathleen's choosing of hymns for that particular day.

We are almost finished 1 Peter –'the apostle of hope.' Unlike other organisations, we will still meet throughout the Easter period.



SPRING FAYRE

in

Girvan North Parish Church

on

Saturday 27th April

10am – 12 noon

Tickets £2

Church Calendar

Sunday	7 th April	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	14 th April	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	21 st April	Easter Sunday	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	28 th April	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	5 th May	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald

[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]

Thursday	11 th April	Kirk Session Meeting	7.00 pm
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Holy Week Services

This year, Girvan North will host the evening services during Holy Week:

Monday 15 th April	Edgar Ogston	7.00 pm
Tuesday 16 th April	Glenn Ronald	7.00 pm
Wednesday 17 th April	Jim Anderson	7.00 pm
Thursday 18 th April	Ian Stirling	7.00 pm
Good Friday 19 th April	12 noon Stumpy	
	7.00 pm Milestone, Bridge Street	

Kirk Session

The Kirk Session will meet on Thursday 11th April at 7.00 pm in the Lesser Hall. Minutes of the last meeting will be distributed by email and paper copies will be available from the Session. Room on Sunday 14th April 2019.

Pastoral Care Team Report

Ten members attended our Pastoral Care Team meeting on Thursday 7th March. There were 4 apologies. Mary Leach was welcomed to her first meeting and thanks were given to Margie Moffat for her work and support to the team.

Discussion took place on minister's visits and team pastoral visits. Thirty cards had been sent already this year to the bereaved, the sick and to some members celebrating very special birthdays. Four arrangements of flowers are also delivered each Sunday after they have adorned our church. We are indebted to the team of flower arrangers who take turns at making these beautiful arrangements. If this is something you could do for us please let Agnes Gibson or one of our team know.

We have 3 cars bringing elderly member to church each Sunday. There is one vacant seat so if you, or someone you know could benefit from this, please let Margaret Murdoch know. 714515

Jimmy Lindsay, a team member, then gave a very interesting and insightful talk on bereavement. Each member has received very helpful notes of Jimmy's talk.

Margaret closed the meeting with prayer, thanking God for Margie and Richard's ministry among us. She called on God to bless and uphold them and their family as they settle into their new home and as they continue God's work in their new parish.

Since our meeting Mr Glenn Ronald has arrived as our Locum Preacher and immediately started doing pastoral visits. In his first two weeks, Glenn has been out visiting people ill in hospital or at home, house-bound members and those recently bereaved. I am sure these visits have been much appreciated. During his time with us Glenn plans to visit every home and get to know our members. Please give him a warm welcome when he calls and invite him in for a chat.

Reminder: - Please keep information coming to Margaret (713059), or a team member, when you hear of anyone needing a card, some flowers or a pastoral visit. Your assistance is appreciated and of great help to us.

Crèche Rota

7 th April	Margaret Nicol, Rhona MacKinnon
14 th April	Yuna McLeod, Michelle Scobie
21 st April	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
28 th April	Arlene Mc Garragle, Susan Brown
5 th May	Isla Johnstone, Leslie Forbes

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

Baby & Toddler Group

We have had our last session before Easter. Our numbers are smaller than they were but everyone has fun. Due to Holy Week falling after the school holidays we won't return until Tuesday 23rd April. We hope everyone has a good break and comes back refreshed.

Prayer Topics April 2019

1. The Leprosy Mission – South Africa

TLM Southern Africa assists countries in the region with very low numbers of leprosy patients. The low numbers mean that health workers find it difficult to recognise leprosy and patients remain undiagnosed for many years. Pray that the team will find effective ways to raise awareness of leprosy. Pray for the safety of the field staff – Lucky Kunene (kwaZulu Natal) and Goodman Qhosholo (Easter Cape) – who travel long distances on dangerous roads to assist patients and teach people about leprosy.

2. Mission Aviation Fellowship – South Sudan

Praise God for a good wet season in South Sudan. Please pray that the harvest will be plentiful, because many people depend on their crops to avoid malnutrition. Pray also that food will be flown to those who are hungry. The people of South Sudan wake daily to political insecurity and the threat of possible bloodshed. Thousands of dwellings lie empty and refugee camps are bursting with families far from home. Please pray for a lasting peace. Uphold the work of Holy Trinity Peace village – an oasis of peace that meets the needs of malnourished children and provides clean water, education and vital skills such as carpentry, welding and making bricks. The village's staff say "MAF serves the people – especially in spreading the Good News to places that are difficult to reach."

3. Open Doors – India & Ivory Coast

Pray for 13 Christian families in East India who were forced to leave their village after Hindu extremists began promoting so-called "Christian Free Villages." Pray for shelter and provision for the families and ask God to change the hearts of those who are stirring up hatred towards His people.

4. When Julie (13) left the local traditional religion to follow Jesus, her grandmother verbally abused her and beat her and even threatened to kill her. Pray for Julie's protection and ask the Lord to change her grandmother's heart

Pray for a real breakthrough in the U.K.'s current problems and ask that our politicians would seek God's wisdom, instead of their own to find a workable solution.

Pray for Pastor Richard and Margie as they adjust to their new charge and ask for God's blessing on their ministry. Pray for spiritual wisdom and insight for the members of Ayr Presbytery when they meet to seek the best way forward for all our vacant charges.

Give thanks for Glenn in his ministry amongst us. Pray for encouragement and inspiration for him as he conducts worship and visits in the congregation. As Easter approaches and we fix our attention once more on that "wondrous Cross" on Calvary's hill, pray that we may see with new eyes, the amazing love of God in the One Who was crucified there for your sins and mine. Then let us give thanks and rejoice as we celebrate our Lord's rising from the tomb on Easter Sunday. Pray for inspirational services throughout Holy Week and the Lord's message for each preacher who leads us in worship. Pray that many souls throughout the world may yield their lives to the Saviour and receive His gift of eternal life this Eastertime and may be able to say with the hymn writer and us all:-

"Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How Great Thou Art! How great Thou Art!"

Likoma Appeal

At the Foot of the Cross

Fearing the battle was over and I'd already lost the war,
I was tired of trying and failing I just couldn't fight anymore.

So, dragging my battle-scarred body, I crawled to the foot of the cross.
And I sobbed. 'Oh please, Father forgive me but I tried...I tried... and still lost.'

Then the air grew silent around me I heard his voice just as clear as the dawn:
'Oh, my child, though you are tired and weary, you can't stop, you have to go on.'

At the foot of the Cross, where I met Him, at the foot of the Cross, where He died,
I felt love, as I knelt in His presence I felt hope, as I looked in His eyes.

Then He gathered me lovingly to Him, as around us God's light clearly shone.
And together we walked though my lifetime to heal every wound I had known.

I found bits of my dreams, long forgotten and pieces of my life on the floor.
But I watched as He tenderly blessed them and my life was worth living once more.

I knew then why I had been losing I knew why I had not grown.
At the foot of the Cross came the answer I'd been fighting the battle alone.

At the foot of the Cross, where I met Him at the foot of the Cross, where He died,
Then I knew I could face any challenge together—just my Lord and I.

Written by Marcia Krugh Leaser

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.

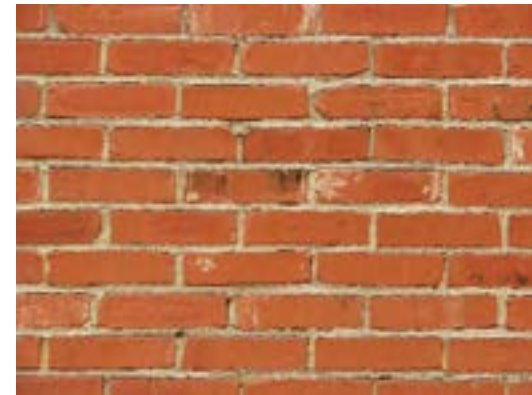
This is to help our partners on Likoma Island build a much needed Church. Cards cost £1.00 each and can be brought from any member of the Outreach and Mission Team. Thank you for your support.

Team Members:

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Robert Bone
Jean Morris`
Findlay Mills

Mandy McGlaughlan
Jim Fairbairn
Sandra Smith



Outreach and Mission Team

Likoma New Church

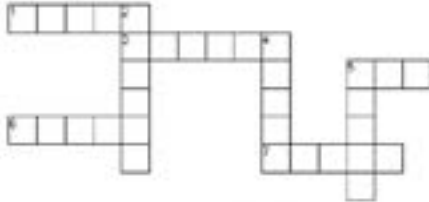
In February our partner church in Malawi held a ground breaking ceremony on the foundations of the new church. The service was conducted by the visiting minister, the Rev I. Msukwa. These are the photographs sent after the service.



I've Just Seen Jesus

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni" (which means "Teacher"). John 20:16 (NIV)

Complete the activity below. The words in the puzzle are found in John 20:1-18.



ACROSS

- The color of snow; the opposite of black
- Messengers from heaven
- To produce tears; to weep
- Not dead
- To have nothing inside

DOWN

- The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
- What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb
- A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers

EASTER	CLOTH	CRY	EMPTY
ALIVE	WHITE	STONE	ANGELS

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The Empty Tomb

John 20:1-18

Can you help Mary find the way to the empty tomb?



Bible Memory Verse

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!"
And she told them that he had said these things to her.
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J G R D A Y R S R L N V B S D
F X H Y F V V I R A W Q R W Z



early	Mary	angels	gardener
first	Magdalene	white	teacher
day	tomb	Lord	Father
week	stone	woman	brothers
dark	moved	crying	disciples

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