

Church Register

Deaths

“The Lord’s my shepherd I’ll not want”

Mrs Mary Rice

Bourtreehall

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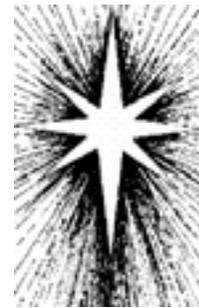
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Girvan North Parish Church

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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,

Nelson Mandela once said: "I learned that courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear". Nelson Mandela certainly triumphed over his fears, demonstrating to everyone that tremendous courage which he possessed in every fibre of his being. After he was arrested for conspiring to overthrow the State, due to the racist policies the State pursued, he was sentenced to 27 years in prison. Eventually he was released, after great suffering on his part, and he, along with President De Clerk, fought to end apartheid. This led to the multiracial elections in South Africa in 1994, to the ANC winning these elections, and to Mandela becoming President of South Africa. A remarkable turnaround of events for all to see Mandela could have become embittered with the white people who he believed had placed him in prison. Instead, Mandela fought for reconciliation and established the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to investigate human rights abuses across the country. Mandela wanted a healing process to take place across South Africa.

Reconciliation was a big part of Jesus' life as well. He wanted the Gentile to be reconciled with the Jew, the poor person to be reconciled with the rich person, and those in authority to be reconciled with the people they governed. This refusal to come together tended to emerge from the fear that something terrible would happen if they did. In fact nothing terrible would happen. Instead, there was a strong possibility different types of people could get on. Just because one is of a different race, a different gender, a different social class or has a different religious affiliation, does not mean they are any different to you or me. Ultimately, we are all human beings who want the world to be a safer place for ourselves and our families. The best way to ensure that this happens is to work together. In this way we conquer our fears and realise these fears were not as bad as we thought they were. That is easier said than done of course when the fears are so strong. These fears are just holding us back. Nelson Mandela did not let these fears hold him back.

There was once a criminal who had committed a crime and had been sentenced to death by the king. The only alternative to death by hanging was to see what was behind the big, dark, scary, iron door. The criminal decided he preferred death by hanging to discovering what was behind that door. Before his execution the criminal asked the king to please tell him what was behind the door. He just had to know. The king told the criminal that nearly everyone chose to be executed. Behind the door is in fact freedom. Most people chose death rather than the unknown.

Nelson Mandela waited 27 years in prison before finally tasting the freedom he craved. He lost the best years of his life to prison. He could have given up but remained optimistic. He believed he could make a difference in modern South Africa. He knew it would not be easy, and there would be problems, but any fear would be conquered, because living in fear meant you achieved nothing. He achieved so much, just as Jesus did, as they were not going to give in to their fears. They fought against society's inequalities to help make this world a better place. We should follow their inspirational examples, so we can do the same. Our fears conquered.

Best wishes, Glenn.

Kirk Session

The Kirk Session will meet on Thursday 9th May 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.

Church Calendar

Sunday	5 th May	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	12 th May	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	19 th May	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	26 th May	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	2 nd June	BB Closing Parade	Mr Glenn Ronald

[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]

Thursday	9 th May	Kirk Session Meeting	7.00 pm
Friday	31 st May	Boys Brigade Display Night	

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.

Over the Easter period the speakers have chosen a topic relating to this particular time.

Nicol Family Concert

The Fundraising, Activities and Communication Team have organised a concert with the Nicol Family on Friday 24th May at 7.30 pm in the Church. Tickets will be on sale shortly, priced £8.00.



Fundraising, Activities and Communication Team

Thanks to all who contributed in any way to the Spring Fayre on Saturday 27th April. The total amount raised was £901.54. The Hamper was won by Margaret Grassom with £62.35 and the runner up was Billy Benson with £61.50.

The last event before the summer break is the Nicol Family Concert on Friday 24th May.



This has been a busy year for the committee and we are grateful for support from those who helped and those who have attended. I would also like to thank the committee for all the work they do do make sure our events have been as successful as they have been.

Thanks, Margaret

Crèche Rota

5 th May	Isla Johnstone, Leslie Forbes
12 th May	Margaret Nicol, Rhona MacKinnon
19 th May	Yuna McLeod, Michelle Scobie
26 th May	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
2 nd June	Arlene McGarragle, Susan Brown

**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:

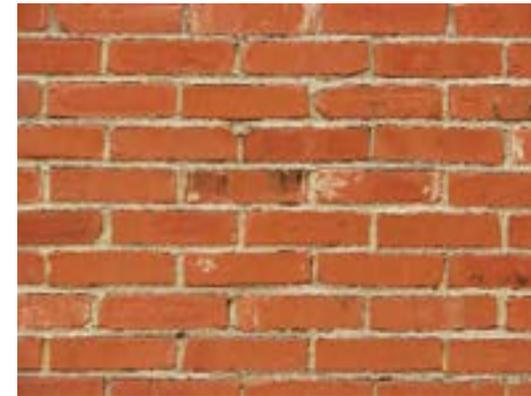
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Likoma Appeal

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

Quiz Answers

Many thanks to all who participated in the recent quiz. The sum of £370.00 was raised. The winner was Pamela Mills.

1	Heard at Bingo	House	16	Two together with y	Bothy
2	Friend has a top card	Palace	17	Man is on turn	Mansion
3	Level	Flat	18	Is host elated inside here	Hostel
4	Showing No emotion	Detached	19	Half of dance rented out	Chalet
5	5 unwell Ah	Villa	20	The tenant is Reverend	Manse
6	Ship's . . . ship's	Log Cabin	21	WUONBGAL	Bungalow
7	Type of cheese	Cottage	22	CWORTKELBO	Towerblock
8	Talk with neighbours Oh.	Chateau	23	HEROFUMSA	Farmhouse
9	Vehicle and another one	Caravan	24	MDDSACHIEHEETE	Semidetached
10	To the ----- born	Manor	25	ASHUETOBO	Houseboat/Boat-house
11	Will this clear the clouds away?	Skyscraper			
12	X5, 13, 5, 14, tee	Tenement			
13	Very warm fairy loses her end	Hotel			
14	Chess piece	Castle			
15	Deposit money for safety	Lodge			

Thoughts For Day

People are lonely, because they build walls instead of bridges.

He who does not hope to win, has already lost.

Those who think they know it all upset those of us who do.

The love we give, is the only love we keep.

It often shows a fine command of the language, to say nothing.

Time is too slow for those who wait; Too swift for those who fear;
Too long for those who grieve; Too short for those who rejoice; But
for those who love....time is not.

THE THINNER

There was a Scottish tradesman, a painter called Jack, who was very interested in making a pound where he could. So he often would thin down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time.

Eventually the Presbyterian Church decided to do a big restoration job on one of their biggest churches. Jack put in a painting bid and because his price was so competitive, he got the job. And so he set to, with a right good will, erecting the trestles and putting up the planks, and buying the paint and...yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with the turpentine.

Well, Jack was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly done, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder. The sky opened and the rain poured down, washing the thin paint from all over the church and knocking Jack fair off the scaffold to land on the lawn.

Now, Jack was no fool. He knew this was a judgement from the Almighty, so he fell on his knees and cried, 'Oh, God! Forgive me! What should I do?' And from the thunder, a mighty Voice spoke, 'Repaint you thinner, And go and thin no more!'

From the Mouths of Children

1) OPINIONS

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents."

2) KETCHUP

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

Pastoral Care Team Report

Over the last month our Locum Preacher, Mr Glenn Ronald has visited all 34 elders' districts, around 400 homes. What an amazing achievement! He has been enjoying chatting and getting to know members. These visits have been much appreciated and enjoyed. Unfortunately Glenn missed some members who were out when he called. To arrange for Glenn to call back, please phone him on 01292 286861 or Margaret Benson on 713059. Alternatively you can add your name to the sheet on the vestibule table at front door of the church.

At Easter, our Pastoral Care Team members delivered 40 bunches of daffodils and 40 Easter cards to elderly members in our parish and to members in Care Homes in Dalmellington, Ayr, Maybole.

Please keep letting the Pastoral Care Team know about members who are ill at home or in hospital. We are continuing to send out cards to them and flowers after the Service each Sunday. Our Car Service continues and we are indebted to the drivers who provide this worthwhile service. There are two seats available at the moment.

Violet Connor is continuing to gather names for inclusion in the Book of Remembrance which can be viewed in the Memorial Chapel.

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

Prayer Topics May 2019

1. The Leprosy Mission – India

Leprosy is a leading cause of permanent physical disabilities among communicable diseases. Timely diagnosis and treatment can prevent disabilities. Many patients do not report for diagnosis in time and they suffer disabilities. Pray for patients to report in time before disabilities set in so that they can be healed completely. Praise God for the nursing staff, doctors, physiotherapists, administrative staff and others working in TLM India's hospitals. Pray for God's continued blessings on them so that they can witness God's love through their work.

2. Mission Aviation Fellowship – Papua New Guinea

M.A.F. pilots fly peanuts! Tonnes of them are flown from remote communities into the main towns to sell and export. Proceeds from these and other crops help to pay for school fees, medicine and food for families. Pray for a good harvest for the workers, both physically and spiritually. As part of their cargo, MAF planes carry Bible boxes. Give thanks that there is a hunger for the Word of God, and pray that everyone who receives the Scriptures will be transformed by what they read.

Israel and Charlene Neale arrived in PNG last year after moving from Arnhem Land. Their ten-year-old son, Miles, has a vision to start a football ministry among the children there. Pray for him as he seeks to serve God alongside his parents.

3. Open Doors – Afghanistan

There are no church buildings in Afghanistan. Unofficially, the few thousand Afghan Christians must keep their faith hidden, meeting only in tiny secret groups. If discovered, families and tribal leaders use violence to persuade Christians to give up. Some have even been killed. Others have been declared insane and locked up in psychiatric

hospitals. Pray that God will strengthen and encourage His followers in Afghanistan. Ask Him to help them to remain faithful despite the pressure and the danger.

4. Pray that the Lord's hand will be on the church's General Assembly as they meet to discuss plans for the year ahead. Ask God to show the members the way He would have them take to draw people back to Himself as our nation wanders further and further away from God. Pray for a new reverence for God and His Word and an awareness of need and God's relevance in daily living. Pray for each person attending the Assembly that they may be challenged, inspired and blessed. Ask for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on the gathering.

Give thanks for Glenn's ministry here. Ask for God's strength and blessing in all the work he is doing for His Kingdom. Pray too for Wanda for health and encouragement as she supports Glenn in his work. Pray for Rev. Ian Stirling as he guides and advises us in the role of Interim Moderator as well as leading his own parish. Uphold our session at this time of change. Pray for the continuing work of the Sunday School, G.B. and B.B., for leaders and members that each one might know the Lord Jesus and follow Him faithfully. As a congregation, pray that we might pull together, work for the glory of God and experience His blessing.

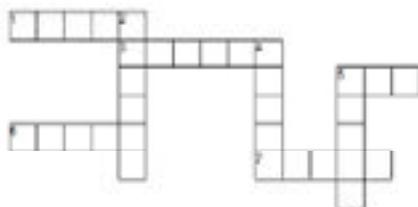
Choir

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.

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

"He has risen! He is not here."

Mark 16 :6 (NIV)



"He has risen! He is not here."
Mark 16:6

DRAK
TIRSF
KEWE
WMOAN

1 2 3 4 5

Bible Memory Verse

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him."
Mark 16:6 (NIV)

ANSWERS

dark
first
week
women
risen

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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.

John 20:18 (NIV)

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The Empty Tomb

John 20:1-18



G	W	W	S	O	M	A	G	D	A	L	E	N	E	Q
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C	N	W	Y	E	M	K	F	I	O	S	K	Z	U	C
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early
first
day
week
dark

Mary
Magdalene
tomb
stone
moved

angels
white
Lord
woman
crying

gardener
teacher
Father
brothers
disciples

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