

Church Register

Baptisms

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

Harrison Stewart Sheddon

Deaths

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

Mrs Margaret Brown, Hillcrest.

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Janette Robertson will be in the Office – Tuesday 10.00 am – 12 noon & Friday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm. All items for the Pew Leaflet should be given to Janette, or posted through the office door. Please note that articles for inclusion in the Sunday Pew Leaflet must be with Janette no later than 11.00 am on the preceding Friday.

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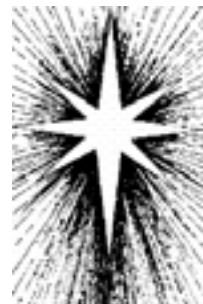
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 Girvan North Parish Church

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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, so despairing were the German people after the harrowing First World War, and the economic hardship which followed, Adolph Hitler seemed to be what the German people wanted. They considered him an answer to their prayers. One person who did not believe this, even if that meant killing Adolph Hitler, was Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Bonhoeffer did not begin his life as a radical. He had aristocratic origins. His mother was the daughter of the Minister at Kaiser Wilhelm II's court; his father was a famous neurologist and a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Berlin. They were all raised in a liberal environment and encouraged in literature, art and music. Bonhoeffer excelled at the piano and everyone thought he would have a career in music. His family were not best pleased that Bonhoeffer chose to be a Minister. After graduating from the University of Berlin Bonhoeffer became an assistant pastor in Spain, then spent time at a theological seminary in New York before returning as an academic at his alma mater, the University of Berlin.

During this time Hitler rose to power and became Chancellor of Germany in January 1933. Anti-Semitism increased, and opposition came from Karl Barth, Martin Niemoller and Bonhoeffer. These pastors and theologians bravely stood up against this tyranny. Famously Bonhoeffer wrote in "The Cost of Discipleship" : "Cheap grace is preaching forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the Cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate".

Bonhoeffer was forced to teach secretly, as he could not teach openly, and when his teaching place was discovered, and was closed, Bonhoeffer's pacifism changed. Bonhoeffer was recruited by the German Secret Service and became a double agent. He was helping to save Jewish lives. He also became associated with the attempt to assassinate Hitler. He went briefly to America to lecture but felt he had to stay in Germany and suffer with his people. He did not feel he could rebuild Germany abroad. He returned home.

Bonhoeffer soon was arrested and imprisoned mainly for helping Jews. He said, "It is not the religious act that makes the Christian, but par-

ticipation in the sufferings of God in the secular life". Bonhoeffer was moved from Tegel to Buchenwald and then to an extermination camp at Flossenburg. He was hanged on the 9th of April 1945 one month before Germany's surrender. The doctor witnessing his execution said ten years after the event: "I have hardly seen a man die so entirely submissive to the will of God".

Dietrich Bonhoeffer inspires us to behave similarly. He stood up for his beliefs, fought prejudice when he saw it, returned to shape the country from within rather than reflecting on the matter overseas. Even at the end he bravely looked death in the face without blinking. Bonhoeffer lived his life practically as a Christian, just as Jesus Christ had done. He did not simply conduct worship but ministered to his community. He helped the downtrodden, the marginalised, and those who suffered. He suffered along with them; was one of them; a Christian. Just like us.

Best wishes, Glenn.

Kirk Session

The Kirk Session will meet on Monday 10th June at 7.00 pm in the Lesser Hall. Minutes of the last meeting have been distributed by email and paper copies are available from the Session. Room.

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP?

Following the resignation of Jim Nicol after 7 and a half years as Church Treasurer, the Nominations Committee has been trying, without success, to find a replacement. Would you, or any member of your family, be willing to take on this responsibility? If so please could you contact either myself or Jim Nicol. Joyce Mills, Convener.

Church Calendar

Sunday	2 nd June	BB Closing Parade	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	9 th June	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	16 th June	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	23 rd June	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	30 th June	Sacrament of Holy Communion	Rev. Ian Stirling

Please note that the Holy Communion Service will begin at 11.30 am

[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]

Monday	10 th June	Kirk Session Meeting	7.00 pm
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Ladies Afternoon Badminton Club

The Afternoon Club finished on Wednesday 24th June 2019 for the summer break. The winter session was well attended and everyone enjoyed the games and friendship, (two new members).

Many thanks to all our ladies for their continued support in the running of our club. The new session begins on Wednesday 18th September 2019. Further details will be in the September church magazine.

Nancy Stewart Secretary

Crèche Rota

2 nd June	Arlene McGarragle, Susan Brown
9 th June	Isla Johnstone, Leslie Forbes
16 th June	Margaret Nicol, Rhona MacKinnon
23 rd June	Yuna McLeod, Michelle Scobie
30 th June	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
7 th July	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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Nicol Family Concert

The Nicol Family Concert held on 24th May was a hugely enjoyable and entertaining evening. Many thanks to the Nicol's for all their hard work and to those who supported the concert on the evening. The amount raised was an excellent £703.00. Many thanks

Wednesday Break

As we come to the end of a series of talks on 1 and 2 Peter, the Worship Team, Stuart, Eric, Anne and Kathleen would like to thank all who attended regularly, giving us encouragement during our mid-week meetings.

For the team to lead, it has been a privilege and honour and a wonderful time to acquire a knowledge of the Gospels and where it should lead us.

We will finish sometime in June with our usual lunch (see Pew Leaflet). If you have never been to our service, please make an effort to join us in September after our summer break.

Likoma Mission Trip

As part of the fundraising for funds for the mission trip to Malawi next year, Sandra Smith will be running a charity shop from 17th July for one week. If you have any goods you would like to donate, Sandra will be collecting items from the week starting Wednesday 10th July. Clothing, bedding, curtains, bric-a-brac and small pieces of furniture. Please phone Sandra Smith on 714816 or Robert Bone on 713834 for uplift.

Outreach and Mission Team

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.

Baby & Toddler Group

We have had another great session with new people coming to join us. We will be losing a new little ones to Nursery in the new session and we'll be sad to see them go. Our last day will be Tuesday 25th June and we will be back on Tuesday 3rd September. Hope everyone has a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing everyone then.
Mandy McGlaughlan

Prayer Topics June 2019

1. The Leprosy Mission – Sudan

Pray that God will provide TLM Sudan with the right staff to support Aburoff Clinic, especially in counselling for those persons stigmatised because of leprosy. Pray for an improvement in the livelihoods of the staff as well as persons affected by leprosy and their loved ones as the Sudanese pound is losing its value. Pray that God would enable and inspire the Episcopal Church of Sudan to contribute more proactively in the leprosy clinics, through counselling and pastoral visits.

2. Mission Aviation Fellowship – Madagascar

Please uphold MAF partner The Seed Company as it works with local Christians to help to translate the Bible into ten languages. The work is exacting and can be painstakingly slow, so please pray for perseverance. May God's Kingdom continue to grow because of the translators' efforts. Despite the country's undoubted beauty, Madagascar has some of the highest levels of malnutrition in the world with people struggling to survive without access to food or medical care. Please pray for our MAMAFY project as it "sows seeds" of God's love in areas unreached by the Gospel. Please pray that our five-to-ten-day Madagascar Medical Safari will continue to bless many people. For ten years MAF has flown medical teams into the bush, treating hundreds of patients and enabling them to discover Jesus' love.

3. Open Doors – Iran

They hunt Christians in Iran. Underground house churches are raided by the secret police. Church leaders receive long prison sentences in Iran's infamous prisons, where they face physical and mental torture and pressure to renounce their faith. Yet many disillusioned Iranians are looking for something new. Praise God that they are finding that in Christ. Pray as Open Doors advocates for those who are imprisoned for their Christian faith in Iran and organises trauma care conferences

for former prisoners who now live in Turkey. Pray that the presence of the Holy Spirit will surround those imprisoned for their faith and give them courage to continue to witness for Him.

4. Give thanks for all the beauties of God's amazing creation and the wonder of His unconditional love for us, His erring and wayward people. Give thanks for work and leisure. Pray for those eager to work who can find no suitable job. Pray for those exhausted by overwork as they strive to provide for their families. Ask God to alert charities able to provide a relaxing break for individuals and families desperately needing a holiday but with no prospect of being able to have one. Pray for a solution to the government's confusion and for wisdom and strength for our Prime Minister under such extreme pressure.

Pray for our church teams. Uphold Glenn as he leads us weekly in worship and visits in the congregation. Ask the Lord for strength and healing for Wanda. Pray for Rev. Ian Stirling as he serves us as well as his own charge of Kirkoswald and Fisherton. Ask for added strength and blessing for him in the extra work involved. Pray concerning our need of a new treasurer. As Ron Gibson and Jim Nicol relinquish their duties in office, give thanks for their years of faithful service and ask God's blessing on them. Pray that we may grow in our knowledge of God and His love and purpose for our lives as daily we read His Word and spend time in His presence in prayer. Ask that our lives may be made new and that He may be honoured and glorified.

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.

A New Commandment

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

"Love one another as I

have loved you."



Love One Another

"My _____, I will be with you only a little _____. You will _____ for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am _____, you cannot _____.

"A new _____ I give you: _____ one _____. As I have loved _____, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my _____, if you love one another."

John 13:33-35

another	come	disciples	longer	love
children	command	going	look	you

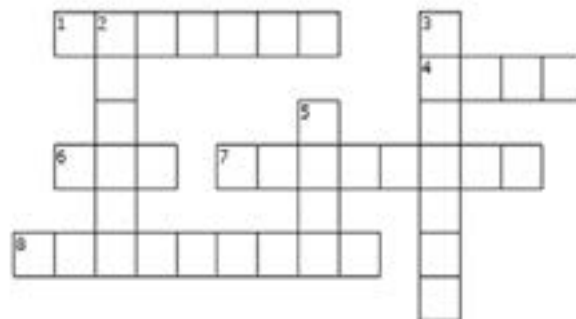
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ACROSS

- An order or a rule given with authority
- People aside from oneself
- To give praise and honour to God or a person
- To have feelings of compassion and concern for another person
- The opposite of old
- Boys and girls between birth and puberty
- Those who follow the teachings of Jesus

DOWN

- People aside from oneself
- To give praise and honour to God or a person
- A period of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, etc.

CHILDREN	COMMAND	LOVE	OTHERS
GLORIFY	DISCIPLES	NEW	TIME

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COMMAND	KNOW	DISCIPLES	ANOTHER	GLORIFY
TOLD	JESUS	CHILDREN	JEWS	LITTLE
LOOK	LONGER	MEN	LOVE	GIVE