

## Church Register

### Deaths

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

June Mrs Margaret Irvine, Willow Drive  
July Mr William Clark, Sycamore Drive  
August Mrs Lindsay Steel, South Park Avenue

## Church Office

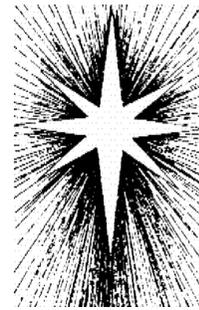
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 Girvan North Parish Church

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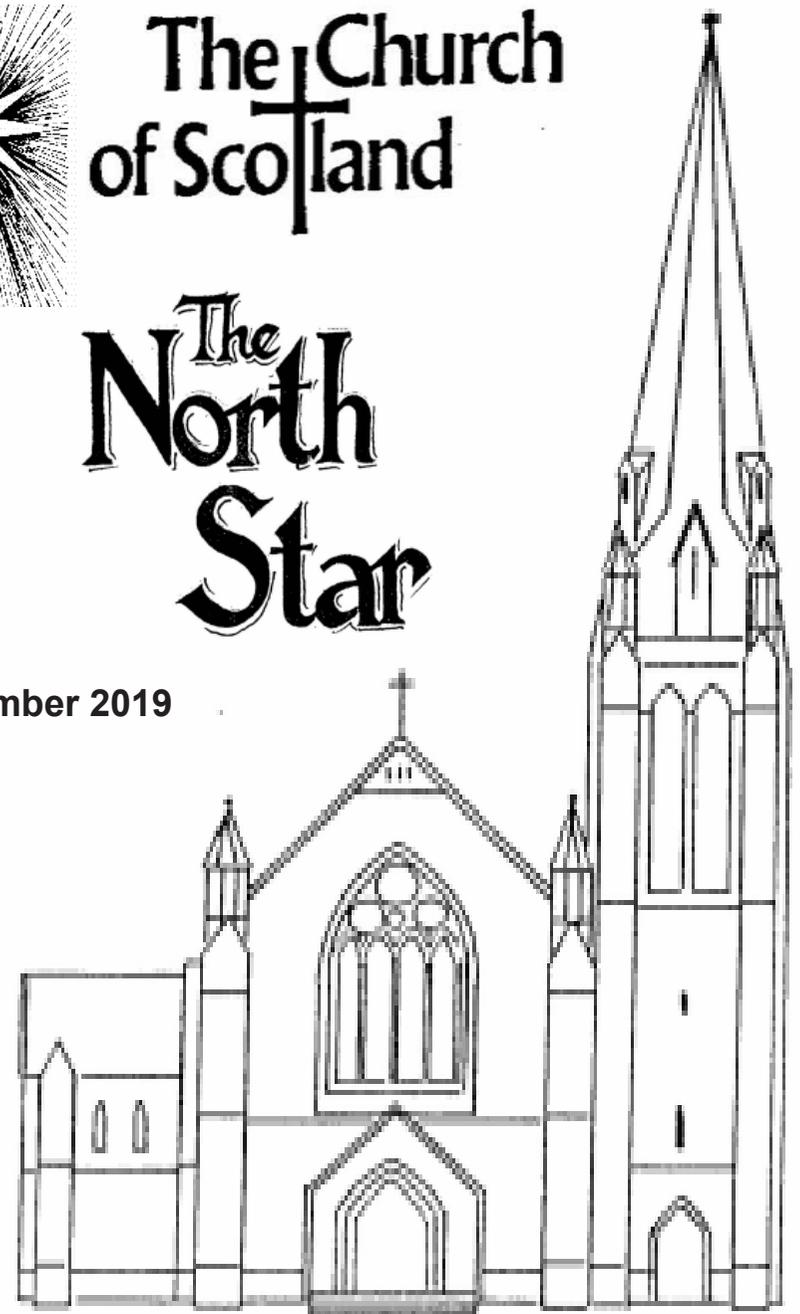
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## **Blythswood Care**

**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!

## September Newsletter for Girvan North.

Dear friends, as a man walked by some elephants, he was very confused as these huge creatures were held by a small rope attached to their front leg. There were no chains or cages. The elephants could break free from what was tethering them at any time, but chose not to. The elephants' trainer was nearby so the man asked why the elephants behaved in a such a bizarre way. The trainer replied that the rope was enough to secure the elephant when it was much younger. However the elephant as it matures is still conditioned to believe it cannot break free. It therefore does not even try to break away from the bonds binding it, even though it is very easy to do so. The man is amazed the elephant does not seek its freedom. How many of us are like the elephant believing we cannot do something just because we were unable to do it before. When we fail, we learn how to succeed in life; our failures allow us to appreciate our successes even more in our struggle.

We think of the parable of the persistent widow in Luke 18: 1-8 and the persistence she showed when she challenged the unrighteous judge. The unrighteous judge eventually could not cope with her persistence and gave in to her demands. Jesus tells his disciples this parable to illustrate the benefits of persistent prayer. Those who persistently pray will get justice. Also, if we persist in delivering our message, we will see an increase in our congregation number. The more we spread the message, the more the congregation will respond. It was ever thus.

If the widow only approached the judge when it was convenient to her would she still have received justice? Probably not. Similarly, if the Christian only occasionally considers the seriousness of his faith, he will not gain the great benefits which a strong faith brings. We need to stand strong in our faith. When we put on God's full armour, we are given that needed layer of protection from the temptation of sin. When we are not wearing God's protective armour, we are more vulnerable to sin.

The question at the end of this parable is: would Jesus find faith on earth when he returns to be with us again? Will people be as

persistent in faith despite life's difficulties? Will they persistently promote the Gospel message to others despite the problems they will face? We do not know when Jesus will return, but if he returned today would he see a faithful world? Will we, like the widow, be persistently demanding justice? Will we persistently try to bring others to God, or will we think the task is too great and let others pursue it instead? We must set the example ourselves rather than expect others to lead us to glory!

We must never be conditioned to believe we cannot achieve anything but understand that our failures better define our eventual success. Those who succeed have failed many times before, but what separates them from others is their belief that they will overcome every obstacle they face. So will we if we do so in faith.

Joyce Mayer has powerfully said: "No matter what has happened to you in the past or what is going on in your life now, it has no power to keep you from having an amazingly good future if you will walk by faith in God. God loves you! He wants you to live with victory over sin, so you can possess His promises for your life today!"

**Best wishes, Glenn.**

### News from the Kirk Session

1. The Session Clerk's duties will now be carried out by a small Session Team. The Team members are :  
Jennifer Ramsay (Leader) Ian Fitzsimmons  
Louise Lindsay and Sandra Smith

Please feel free to contact any member of the team at any time. Their contact numbers are as follows:

Jennifer	07443471550 or 712200		
(BT call guardian on this number)			
Ian	712667	Louise	07963341733
Sandra	714816		

2. Our new Treasurer for the next two years will be Margaret Benson.

## Trip to Malawi

Next May one of our elders Sandra Smith will visit Malawi together with a group of seven people from churches in Ayr Presbytery. While there Sandra will travel to Likoma Island to visit our sister church.

Sandra has been raising money for the trip and wants to thank everyone who helped with the charity shop in July. The magnificent sum of £1400 was raised. Also to thank the people who have given her individual donations.

The trip will cost around £1800 plus other expenses such as gifts for their hosts. They will also take out other scarce items like soap, soap powder, material, buttons etc.

Sandra will keep the congregation updated in North Star nearer to the time of departure. We look forward to hearing all about her trip and her visit to our sister church on Likoma Island.

### South Carrick Churches Together

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August was a rainy, windy day. Not what we were hoping for. The venue for our annual Open Air Service at the harbour had to be changed to the South Parish Church. That was our plan B. The same happened to the Service last year. But rain didn't stop the faithful souls, about 30 in number, who came along to sing the Lord's praises. After all, we did have the help of the Salvation Army Band from Ayr to help swell the sound. This year we had nine musicians, two of them just young boys, who came with their father. Following in father's footsteps: he must be a proud dad. It was a happy gathering of people and a lovely selection of hymns chosen by Bandmaster, Bobby Irvine. We are so grateful to all the band members who volunteer to make the trip to Girvan. Thanks too, to all the good people who volunteered to brave the wet weather to come together for worship. A meeting and mixing of Churches. God Bless you all.

Maybe next year it will be sunny and dry

Norma Logan



## Women's Christian Conference

*Come along and join us for an amazing time of worship,  
teaching and sharing.*

**Saturday 28th September 2019**

**9.45am - 3.30pm**

**The Carrick Centre, Culzean Road, Maybole.KA19 7DE**

**Ticket: £12.50**

**Lunch and refreshments provided.**

**Book your ticket at**

**<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/grow-god-revive-our-world>**

## A Night with Dalmellington Band

When: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 6.30 pm

Where Annbank Parish Church

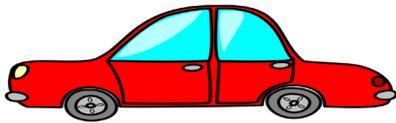
Cost: £5.00 and Kids go free

Tea/Coffee and Home-Baking.

### Car Service

Is there anyone in the congregation who would be willing to do a car run, once a month, to enable our older members to attend church. We need another two drivers, if possible. If you can help, please phone Margaret Murdoch on 714515.

Thank You!



## The Kirk Session

As you know, the Kirk Session is made up of elders who have all been nominated by members of our congregation. We meet regularly to discuss matters of interest and importance to Girvan North and beyond.

During our meetings we hear reports from the elders who look after the church finances, buildings, and the Presbytery Elder who gives us information on what's happening in the Ayrshire churches generally. We also hear from the elder in charge of our safeguarding procedures, those who have visited the various groups and organisations who use our premises and the leaders of the five Action Teams who tell us about the work they have been doing. Basically we do our best to ensure that things run smoothly for the members of the Girvan North congregation.

The Session Team and our new Treasurer, Margaret, hope to keep you up to date with what we are all doing by putting articles like this regularly in the North Star. If there is anything in particular you would like to know about our work or if you have anything you would like to ask or comment on anything, please feel free to contact any of us at any time.

## Garden Quiz Answers

1	Stockings	Hose
2	Former US president	Bush
3	A suit	Spades
4	A town in Cumbria	Barrow
5	A puzzle	Riddle
6	You sit on it when you are undecided!	Fence
7	Robin's tub	Bird Bath
8	Sounds like the grass has grown!	Lawnmower
9	Planet	Earth
10	Sounds plain or maybe wholegrain!	Flower
11	Environmentally friendly dwelling	Greenhouse
12	Hillary and Tenzing	Climbers
13	Westward .....in Devon	Hoe
14	Piece of cutlery	Fork
15	A family one is from way back	Tree
16	You could be burned at this, long ago	Stake
17	A hat	Cloche
18	A golf shot	Drive
19	Plants in the wrong place!	Weeds
20	1940s dance music	Swing
21	This hot star has a face!	Sundial
22	Wind and rain sound very proud!	Weather Vane
23	Container for cycle manoeuvre	Wheelie Bin
24	Lightweight fabric	Lawn
25	TRACESUSE          Anagram	Secateurs
26	DEMLOFARC          Anagram	Cold Frame
27	TREBBILAD          Anagram	Bird Table
28	CITARGWNNNA      Anagram	Watering Can
29	UTTEWRERAF AE    Anagram	Water Feature
30	NTOMIPSCOB        Anagram	Compost Bin

Congratulations to the winner **Evelyn Cox, Kilmarnock**. 51 entries were received but only one was all correct. £324 has been raised for Church funds. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

## DOMINATED MEN

God looks over the millions of people and says 'Welcome to Heaven. I want the women to go with Saint Peter, and the men to form two lines. Make one line of the men that dominated their women on earth, and the other of men who were dominated by their women.'

There's much movement, but eventually the women are gone and there are two lines. The line of the men that were dominated is 100 miles long. The line of men that dominated women has only one man.

God gets angry and says, 'You men should be ashamed of yourselves. I created you in my image and you were all dominated by your mates. Look at the only one of my sons that stood up and made me proud. Learn from him!'

He turns to the man and says, 'Tell them, my son. How did you manage to be the only one on that line?'

The man says, 'I don't know, my wife told me to stand here.'

## THE WISDOM OF CHILDREN

You can't fool the kids in Sunday school, they are way too smart...

'If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?' I asked the children in my Sunday school class.

'NO!' all the children answered.

'If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?'

Again the answer was, 'NO!'

'Well,' I continued, 'then how can I get to heaven?'

A five-year-old boy shouted, 'You gotta be dead!'

## Church Calendar

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> September	Morning Worship	Worship Team
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> September	Sacrament of Baptism	Rev Mary Prentice-Hyers
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> September	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Thanksgiving	Mr Glenn Ronald

**[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]**

## Harvest Thanksgiving

Our service of Harvest Thanksgiving will be held in the Church on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and 11.00 am. Janet Arthur and helpers will be in the Session Room from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm and from 2.00 – 4.00 pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September to receive your Harvest Gifts of fruit, flowers and food for display at the Service and for distribution to our elderly and housebound members.

Please use the Session Room entrance when you are coming to deliver your gifts. Girvan: North has always been a caring Church and the Kirk Session thanks you for your generosity in supporting these members.

Pastoral Care Action Team

## Crèche Rota

1 <sup>st</sup> September	Yuna McLeod, Michelle Scobie
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Arlene McGarragle, Susan Brown
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Isla Johnstone, Leslie Forbes
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Margaret Nicol, Rhona MacKinnon
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Yuna McLeod, Michelle Scobie

**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](mailto:Wells1969@hotmail.co.uk)

## Prayer Topics September 2019

### 1. The Leprosy Mission – Democratic Republic of Congo

Give thanks for the Lord's support in strengthening the health systems in four villages in Kasai over the past three years. Working in the Kasai is tough because of bad roads, rivers without bridges and insecurity. Nevertheless, God has made the work possible and its outcome has been outstanding. Pray that its impact is sustained. Please pray for people who have been rejected by their families because of leprosy and the misconceptions surrounding it. Pray that, through advocacy they can be restored to their families and communities.

### 2. Mission Aviation Fellowship – Myanmar & Papua

Pray for the Lailenpi community in Myanmar's southern Chin state and our partner Health and Hope which provides the region with health care and education. Please pray for the fantastic opportunities an airstrip would bring to the 40,000 people living there. In Papua on 3 email hubs and communications networks help to increase the effectiveness of more than 60 missions and humanitarian agencies. Our partners bring the Gospel and improve the quality of life for isolated Indonesians who have no other way to reach the outside world. Pray that our programme will continue to bring transformation and hope to remote areas.

### 3. Open Doors – Eritrea & The Ivory Coast

Over 140 believers were arrested in the capital, Asmara, in May including 104 women and 14 children. Pray for their physical and spiritual protection and ask the Lord to sustain them. On the Ivory Coast, when Tiekoma (33) left his traditional religion to follow Jesus, his family was furious and threatened him. They confiscated his farm land, making it very hard for him to survive. Pray for God's protection and provision for Tiekoma and for the salvation of his family.

### 4. Give thanks for the greatness of God's creation and ask for His

solution to the exploitation and destruction of the beautiful and essential Amazon rain forest. Pray for the people whose home it is.

Pray for our politicians that they might unite to find a way out of the current problems and uncertainty facing and crippling our country. Pray that people would turn again to God to seek His wisdom in this crisis. In our church situation, pray for the people who will make the decisions about the future of the churches in this area. Ask that they may be led by God to decide what will be for the advancement of His Kingdom and the glory of His Name. Pray that we may all serve and work together to that end. As a new session begins and activities startup again, pray for the work of the Sunday School, the Girls' and Boys' Brigades, the Choir, the Wednesday Break, the Session and our teams. Pray for a new enthusiasm and new members and give God thanks for all who are involved.

## **Wednesday Break**

Our midweek morning service returns on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 am in the small hall. It was originally arranged for people who could not make the Sunday Service for various reasons and last just half an hour.

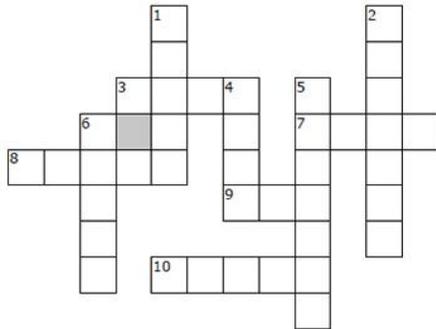
We are led through the service by Stuart, Eric, or Anne taking it in turns to provide an address. Kathleen chooses our hymns and we finish with tea or coffee. Our group, though small, will give you a warm welcome.

## **Ladies Afternoon Badminton Club**

The Afternoon Badminton Club resumes our winter session on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September. The Club meets on a Wednesday afternoon, from 2.00 – 4.00 pm in the main hall, with a short break for tea and coffee.

Looking forward to seeing all our usual members and hopefully some new ones.

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- 3. One who acts unwisely
- 7. Having great material wealth
- 8. Large farm buildings used for storing farm products and sheltering livestock
- 9. To take food into the body through the mouth
- 10. An official who decides cases brought before a court of law

## DOWN

- 1. Agricultural products, such as grain, vegetables, or fruit
- 2. A person who educates or gives instruction
- 4. The period of time between birth and death
- 5. A male having the same parent or parents as another
- 6. To take liquid into the mouth and swallow

rich	judge	crops	brother	barns
life	eat	fool	teacher	drink



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# Children's Worship Bulletin

## Parable of the Rich Fool

Luke 12:13-21

## Word Search

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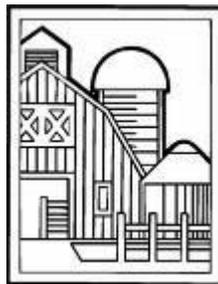
# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

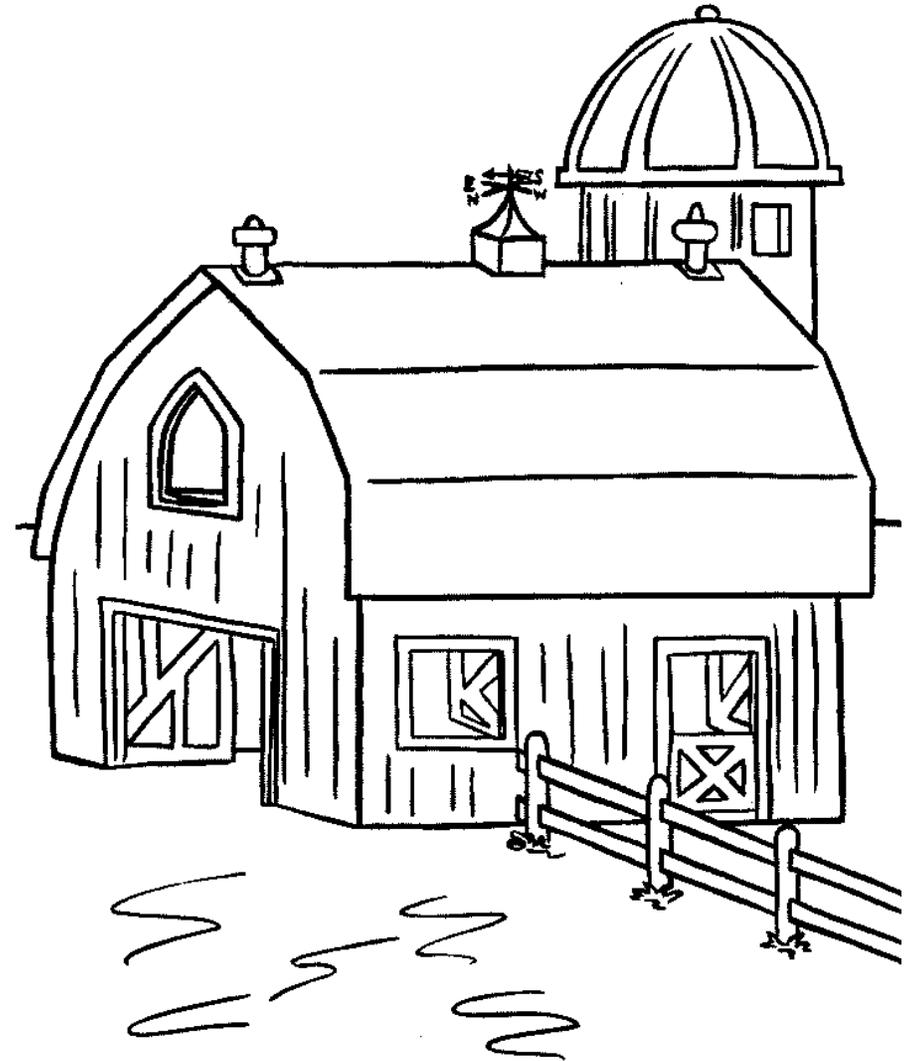
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- 26-18-9-22 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-26-5-18-13 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7-5-26-13-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 12-18-17-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8-5-25 \_\_\_\_\_
- 17-2-2-12 \_\_\_\_\_
- 14-8-26-26-6 \_\_\_\_\_

RICH	BARNS	DRINK	LIFE
GRAIN	EAT	MERRY	FOOL



# Coloring Page



## The Parable of the Rich Fool

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'"

Luke 12:18 (NIV)