

Church Register

Deaths

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

Ms Jessie Stewart	Ainslie Manor
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Church Office

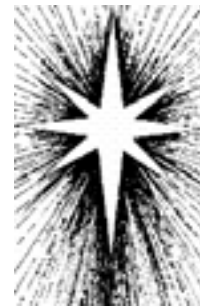
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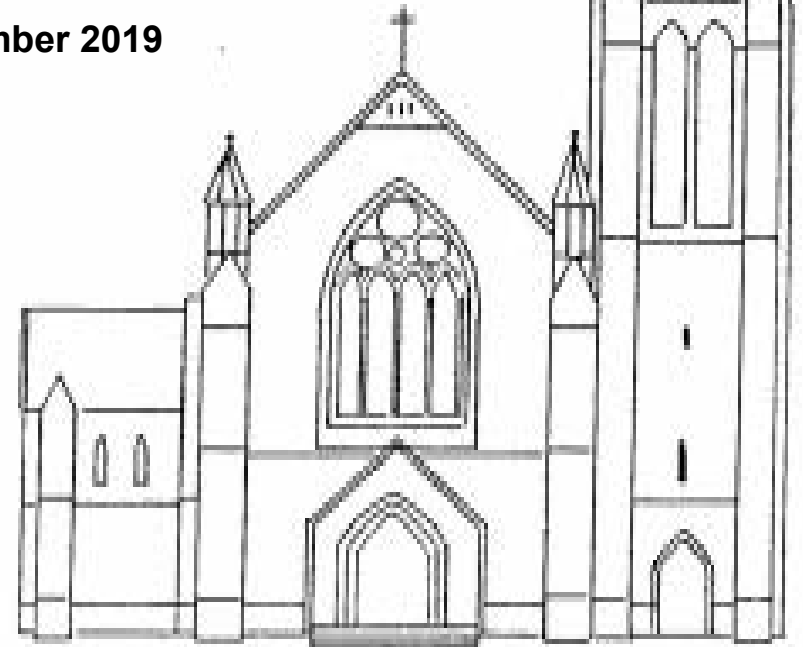
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Blythswood Care

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!

November Newsletter for Girvan North.

Dear friends, Last year, on Sunday November 11th, it was 100 years since the Armistice Treaty was signed between the First World War Allies and Germany, ending 4 years of war in Western Europe. Many took to the streets to celebrate this wonderful moment. Church bells sounded for the first time since the war began to let people know it was finally over. People could scarcely believe the war had ended. Although this was a time for celebration for the Allies, we cannot forget the devastating loss of life this war had caused. There were 40 million casualties: around 17 million died and 23 million injured. The Second World War produced even grimmer figures. Over 60 million people were killed in this war, around 3% of the world's population. 22 to 25 million of these people were soldiers, including 5 million dying in captivity as Prisoners of War. Although the First World War was meant to be the war ending all other wars, we had a Second World War, a Korean War, a Vietnam War, and many more conflicts. Would it be fair to say that we do not learn from history?

What does the Bible say about war? Does one of the Ten Commandments, "You shall not kill" stop us from going to war, or does it refer to premeditated killing, or murder? God often told the Israelites to go to war, so he is not against killing in all circumstances. War is never something to be enjoyed but might it be something which has to be done? In a world where terrible people emerge, war is inevitable. We must protect the vulnerable so if that means going to war, so be it? Jesus' Second Coming will not be a peaceful transition as Revelation 19: 11-21 reveals. Yet Jesus himself did not advocate war as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, rather than on a war horse; he did not seek to overthrow Roman rule through violence, but through peace and love. He asked those who were struck on one cheek to turn their other cheek, so it could be struck too. Is pacifism the answer? Could pacifism have defeated Hitler or prevent the African Americans from remaining as slaves? The answer is "no". The Second World War, for example, had to be waged to remove Hitler from power. Life is very much more complicated than simple answers would allow.

War is always a terrible thing to wage. Some wars are more "just" than others. In Ecclesiastes we learn "there is a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace". In a time where there is so much hatred, evil and sin in the world, war cannot be avoided. As Christians we should not seek war but understand that sometimes war must be waged. All we must do is to pray for any leaders who take us to war that they remain strong, pray that our soldiers stay safe, pray that the war ends soon, and pray that the casualties on both sides of the conflict are light.

As Remembrance Sunday approaches, we remember the countless sacrifices of all soldiers, naval officers and air personnel, in every war that has ever been fought. We also remember munition workers and all support staff in other occupations. They gave everything, often their lives, so we could remain free. Similarly, Jesus Christ gave his life for us on the Cross for our sinfulness. He placed the sins of humankind on his broad shoulders. We are freed from sin, and through our faith are granted eternal life.

Best wishes, Glenn.

Kirk Session Notes

A meeting of the four Sessions and boards of Girvan South, Girvan North, Dailly and Barr were at a meeting in Girvan North last month to discuss the future. The meeting was very amicable and everybody agreed to work with each other.

Church Calendar

Sunday	3 rd November	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	10 th November	Remembrance Sunday	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	17 th November	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	24 th November	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	1 st December	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald

[All services begin at 11.00 am unless indicated]

Sunday 10th November Remembrance Sunday **10.50 am**

Stolen Goose

Confessor: I have stolen a fat goose from a poultry yard!

Priest: That is very wrong.

Confessor: Would you like to accept it, Father?

Priest: Certainly not- return it to the man whom you stole it from.

Confessor: But I have offered it to him and he won't have it.

Priest: In that case you may keep it yourself.

Confessor: Thank you, Father.

The Priest arrived home to find one of his geese had been stolen...

Wednesday Break

Nice to see our friends back again and hear the chatter in the small hall. Our series of talks come from a book by Rachel Hickson entitled "Pathway of Peace" where she takes "peace" sayings from the Bible and expands on them with anecdotes.

Our usual team of Stuart, Eric, Kathleen and Anne are there to greet you. Join us for tea/coffee after our short service every Wednesday at 10.30 am.

Crèche Rota

3 rd November	Margaret Nicol, Rhona MacKinnon
10 th November	Diane Irvine, Michelle Scobie
17 th November	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
24 th November	Arlene McGarragle, Susan Brown
1 st December	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:

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South Carrick Churches Together

Our Pot Luck Supper was held on Sunday 6th October at Milestones Mission. The hall was full, with people and children from all the Churches. After counting up to 50 adults, I gave up trying to count. It was a superb turn-out. The food tables had such a wide variety of choices; so much had been gifted and second helpings were popular. Well done to all who contributed. A big thank-you of appreciation from everyone. Adam started the evening off by welcoming us and also gave an update on how Rev. Ian McLachlan was faring, which was quite good – Ian always enjoyed this event. Then Adam and his music team led us in song and praise, words provided, which helped our good community singing. After prayer, we were given the green light to go and fill our plates from the splendid pot luck supper. What a bountiful array of food to behold. The gasps of delight and amazement were quite audible. At the end of the evening, a collection for charity was taken and generosity was quite evident again. A very successful evening. Many thanks to the Milestone Team who worked so hard arranging tables and chairs, making sure we had all we needed and of course, clearing up at the end, when we all left for home with full tummies and smiles on our faces. Praise by to God.

Norma Logan

Centre Group

Centre Group meets on first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7.00 pm in the church lounge. A warm welcome is extended to all.

Lesson in Lying

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

Visiting Pastor

A pastor went out one Saturday to visit his church members. At one house, it was obvious that someone was home, but nobody came to the door even though the preacher knocked several times. Finally, the preacher took out his card, wrote out "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it, and stuck it in the door.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with me. - Revelation 3:20

The next day, the card turned up in the collection plate. Below the preacher's message was written the following notation:

I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself. - Genesis 3:10

Prayer Topics November 2019

1. The Leprosy Mission – Nepal

Please pray for Dr. Indra Napit and team who run Anandaba Hospital, clinic and leprosy outreach satellite clinics. The team have worked relentlessly to continue top quality leprosy, orthopaedic and dermatology services and meet the needs of the local population. The hospital provides technical expertise for a monthly leprosy outreach clinic at the Koshi Zonal Government hospital in a highly endemic area in Biratnagar. Please pray that staff here and at monthly satellite clinics in two other endemic regions are able to increase the capacity of government staff to diagnose and treat leprosy and that the government staff are open and keen to learn.

2. Mission Aviation Fellowship – Mareeba

Praise God that MAF's facilities in Mareeba have become the only school in Australia to have been approved to deliver PNG commercial pilot licences. This status is critical to our vision to train Papua New Guinea nationals to be pilots. Our Aircraft Maintenance Engineers in Mareeba are responsible for maintaining the Asia-Pacific fleet. This sometimes involves visiting countries such as Bangladesh and Timor-Leste to work with the national staff there. Pray for our personnel and the families who support them. Please pray for a Maintenance Training Manager, an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer and a Senior Flight Instructor for our Mareeba facility. Pray that gifted engineers with a heart for God's glory will respond.

3. Open Doors – North Caucasus and Azerbaijan

Ludmilla is a young girl who recently came to faith. Pray that the Bible that Open Doors partners gave her will strengthen and encourage her. "I started to read the children's Bible which you gave me," she says, "my parents beat me very often, but now I know that Jesus is always with me and I don't have to be afraid of anything." Pray too that God

will soften her parents' hearts towards her.

Pray for Allahabad Baptist Church in Azerbaijan, which has been seeking registration for 25 years but is still not allowed to meet legally. The pastor was fined more than 3 months wages for holding religious meetings without official registration. "If we meet again for worship, we will get a double fine," he says. Pray also for 3 other believers fined the the equivalent of 3 months' wages for meeting together to study God's Word. Ask God to provide for these believers and to make a way for them to meet safely.

4. Pray for the climate change situation and the countries most affected by the changes. Pray that we may find ways to halt the destruction of the planet. Ask God to send rain on those countries currently suffering severe drought conditions and devastating forest fires destroying homes and endangering life. Pray for protection and help for all fire fighters tackling these blazes raging out of control.

Give thanks for all who participate in the work of the church. Pray for harmony and a deepening of our knowledge and love for Christ and for each other as we work and worship together for God's glory.

Preaching

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went.

Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again.

After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"

Take up your cross and follow Jesus!

Can you find the path to Jesus?

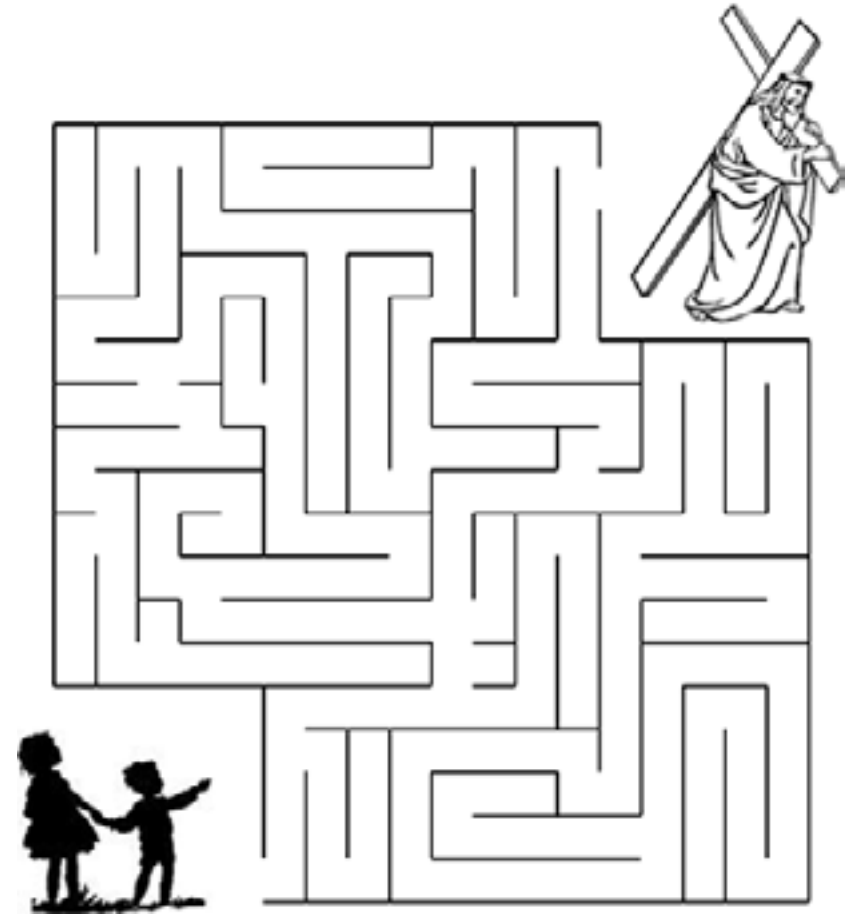
A Call to Discipleship

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23 (NLT)



Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- ___ 1. One who believes in Christ and follows his teachings
A. disciple B. self C. Satan D. angel
- ___ 2. To refuse to allow yourself to have something you want
A. life B. save C. deny D. disciple
- ___ 3. The object upon which Jesus was crucified
A. chair B. bed C. world D. cross
- ___ 4. To accept the leadership of someone
A. follow B. disciple C. find D. lose
- ___ 5. To keep something from harm or loss
A. find B. save C. lose D. follow
- ___ 6. To no longer have something because it has been taken away from you or misplaced
A. save B. find C. follow D. lose
- ___ 7. To discover something unexpectedly or as a result of a search
A. deny B. find C. save D. life
- ___ 8. The period between birth and death
A. lose B. disciple C. save D. life



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The puzzle is based on Luke 9:18-24

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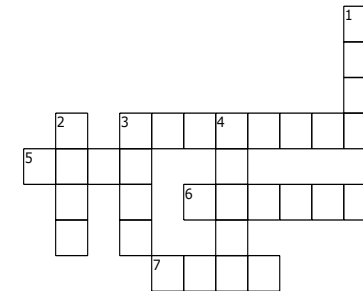
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FIND	LIFE	DISCIPLE	FOLLOW
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