

## Church Register

### Marriages:

“Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love”

Hannah Elizabeth Reid and Justin John Bradford

## Church Office

Church Secretary: Janette Robertson will be in the office – **Tues. 10.00 am – 12 noon & Frid. 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.**

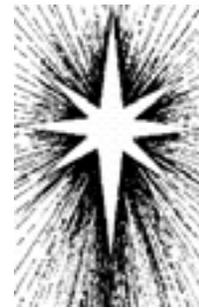
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Girvan North Parish Church

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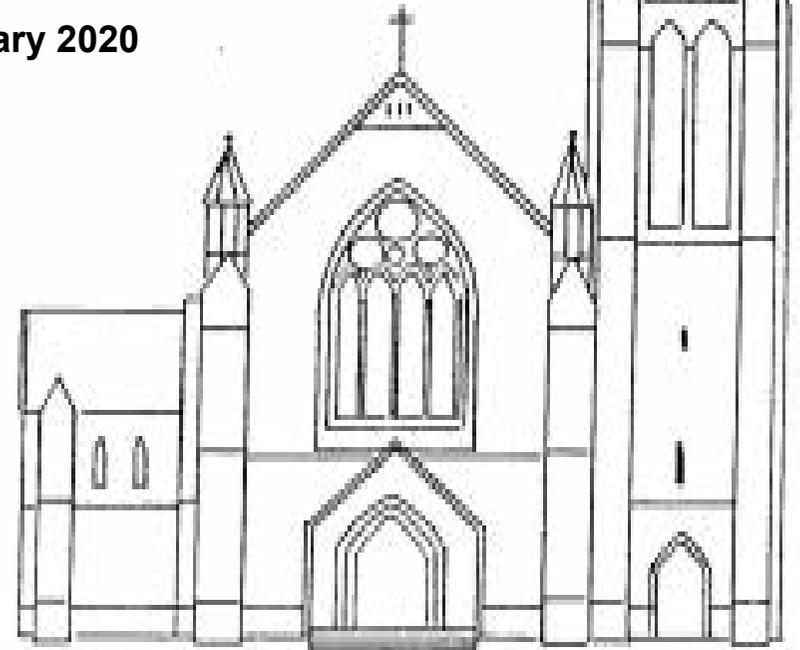
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## **Blythswood Care**

**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!

## February Newsletter for Girvan North.

**Dear friends**, Martin Luther King believed there were three evils in the world. They were racism, poverty and war. When King was alive racism was a blight on America's culture. It still is, and it is on every culture. He saw the nation wanting a democracy for white America but a dictatorship for black America. King believed, quite rightly, that there was still a great deal to be done. The issue of segregation was becoming less of an issue, but King believed the struggle was far from over. Yes, there were marches and sit-in movements that met with incredible success. Now, however, there was a fight for general equality which would be a harder struggle to overcome. It did not cost anything to integrate the races, but it would cost significantly more to make them economically equal. Was this an impossible dream?

King's second evil was poverty. There were millions of citizens, 40 million during King's time, who could not purchase what were the necessities in life. These citizens became invisible as the society was so rich it did not notice the poor. These citizens were of so many races. The sad fact was that the nation could get rid of poverty, but did it have the will? Does it have the will today? Do we have the will?

The third evil King identified was the evil of war. There was a relationship King believed between these three evils. When a nation is obsessed with war, social programmes seem to suffer. Those people who are in need become invisible once again. As King quite rightly believed, there are times when what we say may not be viewed as safe, politically convenient, or even popular, but we still must speak the truth.

King was first and foremost a Christian; hopefully so are we. His refusal to say things that are safe, politically convenient, or popular, are views we should all share today.

If we see someone racially abused, we should challenge the abuser, as they need to be challenged; if we see someone in dire need, we should help them rather than judge how they got into that position; and if the thought of war takes us away from the dreadful social needs at home, we should address these social needs before we pursue anything else. War should always be a last resort, if a resort at all. My father fought in the Second World War and there is never a day which goes by when I do not think about the sacrifice he and others made for us today. However, he was fighting to keep this country free from dictators like Hitler. The purpose of that war, like the purpose of the war before it, was to end the need for war. Sadly, we have learned very little. War has led to more war, but Jesus wanted peace. We should too.

When we look at our towns and cities today, we see the social deprivation defining them, and the widening inequalities, we cast our eyes to those in authority to guide us. We however wait in hope that Jesus Christ, our Saviour, will return to this world and right the wrongs we have done, but we must want to right these wrongs too. Without this blessing Christ will not return. We must play our part to reshape our country to become a place where our children want to grow up in, and where we want to raise them. This is not a "rose-coloured spectacle" look to the future, it can happen if we want it to happen. We must want it to happen, work at it, and it will.

**Best wishes, Glenn.**

### **Sunday 22nd March Stated Annual Meeting**

The accounts for 2019 will be presented to the congregation. There will be an opportunity for members to ask questions.

## Crèche Rota

2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Isla Johnston, Leslie Forbes
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Heather Smith, Michelle Scobie
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Wilma Armstrong, Fiona McCutcheon
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Isla Johnston, 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.**

***Due to retirals, etc., we are very short of  
volunteers. If you can help, please contact  
Jennifer Ramsay on 712200.***

## Church Calendar

Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Morning Worship	The Worship Team
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> February	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> February	Morning Worship	Mr Glenn Ronald
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Sacrament of Holy Communion Rev. Ian Stirling and Mr Glen Ronald	

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

## **Treasurer's Report**

The money from the Jars of Grace was counted after the Service on Sunday 12th January.

A cheque for £645 has been given to Girvan Community Hospital.

During 2019 the following amounts were given to charities:-

Children First	£300	Watchnight Service Dec 2018
Friends of Hillcrest	£451	Jars of Grace
Crossreach	£296	Retiring Collection
Christian Aid Cyclone Appeal	£293	Retiring Collection
Community Action Network (CAN)	£250	Watchnight Service Dec 2019

## **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.

## **Wednesday Break**

Wednesday Break resumes on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30 am in the small hall, when we will welcome our mid week worshippers back. Please feel free to join us any week. The talks are not long and onerous, together with praise and prayer – a half hour service followed by tea/coffee and a chat. This is an excellent opportunity for quiet reflection if you have missed Sunday worship.

## Session Report

The first meeting of the four Sessions and Boards took place on January 20th in the North Church Hall.

Discussions about the way forward and how we can come together. No decisions can be made until Presbytery gives permission.

The four Treasures of the, four, Churches gave, their financial report.

### **Social Events.**

South Church are having a soup and sweet lunch in March.

North Church are having the Crossraguel singers in Concert on Monday March 9th.

Barr Church are organising a trip to Whithorn.

*Girvan North Parish Church*

*Crossraguel Choir*



*on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020*

*at*

*7.00 pm*

*Ticket: £5.00 includes refreshments*

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## Fundraising and Communication Committee.

Team Leader: Margaret Grassom,

Deputy: Agnes Gibson

Team members: Billy Benson, Heather Bova, Alex Clark, Ian Fitzsimmons, Ron Gibson, Fiona McCutcheon, Janette Robertson, Irene Tyson, and Barbara Sloan.

### **Team remit.**

Provide catering as appropriate for church functions and encourage fellowship by developing social opportunities such as teas and coffees after worship and other events such as concerts, fetes and soup and sweet lunches etc.

We are responsible for the preparation, implementation and review of a communications strategy covering advertising, website etc., Matthew Scobie has undertaken this part of our work and has a good system working.

The catering and fundraising takes a lot of time and the tea on Sunday is a big commitment for our small number of people. We are lucky to have our other regular helpers but for all our events, we would be very happy to welcome new faces. We know that not everyone is able to pour tea or coffee but there are other tasks, which could be undertaken by way of setting up and clearing up. If anyone would be interested to help please speak to one of the team who will be happy to give information.

The only event scheduled at the moment is the Crossraguel Choir on the 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Tickets priced £5.00 are available from the members of the committee and the evening will include refreshments.

## **Prayer Topics February 2020**

### **1. The Leprosy Mission – Chad**

Please pray for protection for our staff as we travel across the country to conduct our work. Please pray that our staff and partners remain healthy and happy. There is a physiotherapy service that is being installed in Am Timan hospital in the Salamat, where we have not worked before. Please pray for this work, that we will be able to transform the lives of people in the region.

### **2. Mission Aviation Fellowship – Kenya**

Praise God for Christ is the Answer Ministries, which reaches out to communities in the north. This MAF partner has successfully planted three churches and helped bring peace to clans that have been in conflict for years. Pray for N.G.O. Sauti Moja (“One Voice”). Following more than 20 years of conflict between tribes in Marsabit, widows have been given livestock. There were then asked to give the animals’ firstborn to widows from the opposing tribe. Give thanks that this has led to unity and friendship between women who were originally enemies. Few people living in Kargie in Northern Kenya can read or write. In order to improve this, MAF partner Missions of Hope International has set up a primary school in the area. Pray for its teachers as they seek to inspire young children there.

### **3. Open Doors – East Africa**

Kelly (14) feels immense pressure to become a Muslim. She doesn’t have the inner strength to tell her friends she can’t go to the mosque with them and fears that if they found out about her faith they might attack her. She attends church and Sunday School. Ask the Lord to give Christians in her church the wisdom to help Kelly navigate these difficulties.

4. Pray for China in the grip of this corona virus, for all those affected and those who are caring for them. Pray for wisdom to know how to stop the virus from spreading further and to trace all those people who have recently travelled to or from China.

Pray for the Royal Family with their current problems. Give thanks for Queen Elizabeth’s faithful service and example over many years. Pray that the whole family might be allowed more privacy in their private affairs.

# Give thanks for Rev. Ian Stirling’s willingness to serve as Interim Moderator for all four of our churches in the area. Ask God to give him all the wisdom, strength and grace needed to carry out this task combined with his own congregational work in Kirkoswald. Pray for Glenn as he fulfils his pastoral role as Locum and continues his studies also. Ask for strength and guidance and blessing week by week for him. Keep praying for the different Kirk Sessions that we may grow together in love and understanding of each other as the work to become one progresses. Pray for all our organisations for the people who do door duty, run the crèche are on car service, arrange and deliver flowers and magazines and serve tea and coffee. Ask that all we do may be pleasing in God’s sight and a filling example of true Christian witness.

## **Ladies Afternoon Badminton Club**

The afternoon Club resumed after the Christmas Break on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

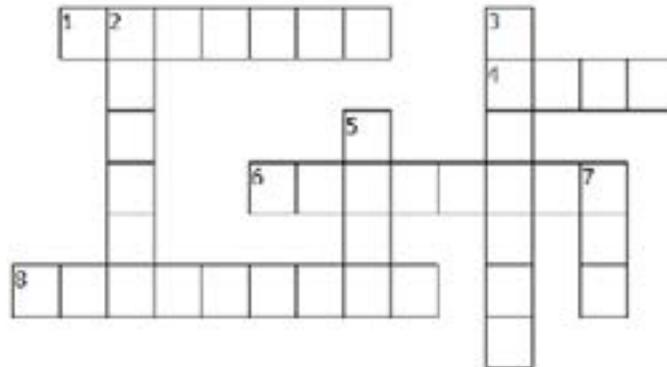
We meet on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 – 4.00 pm in the church hall. New members are always welcome.

Nancy Stewart  
Secretary

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Based on John 13:31-35



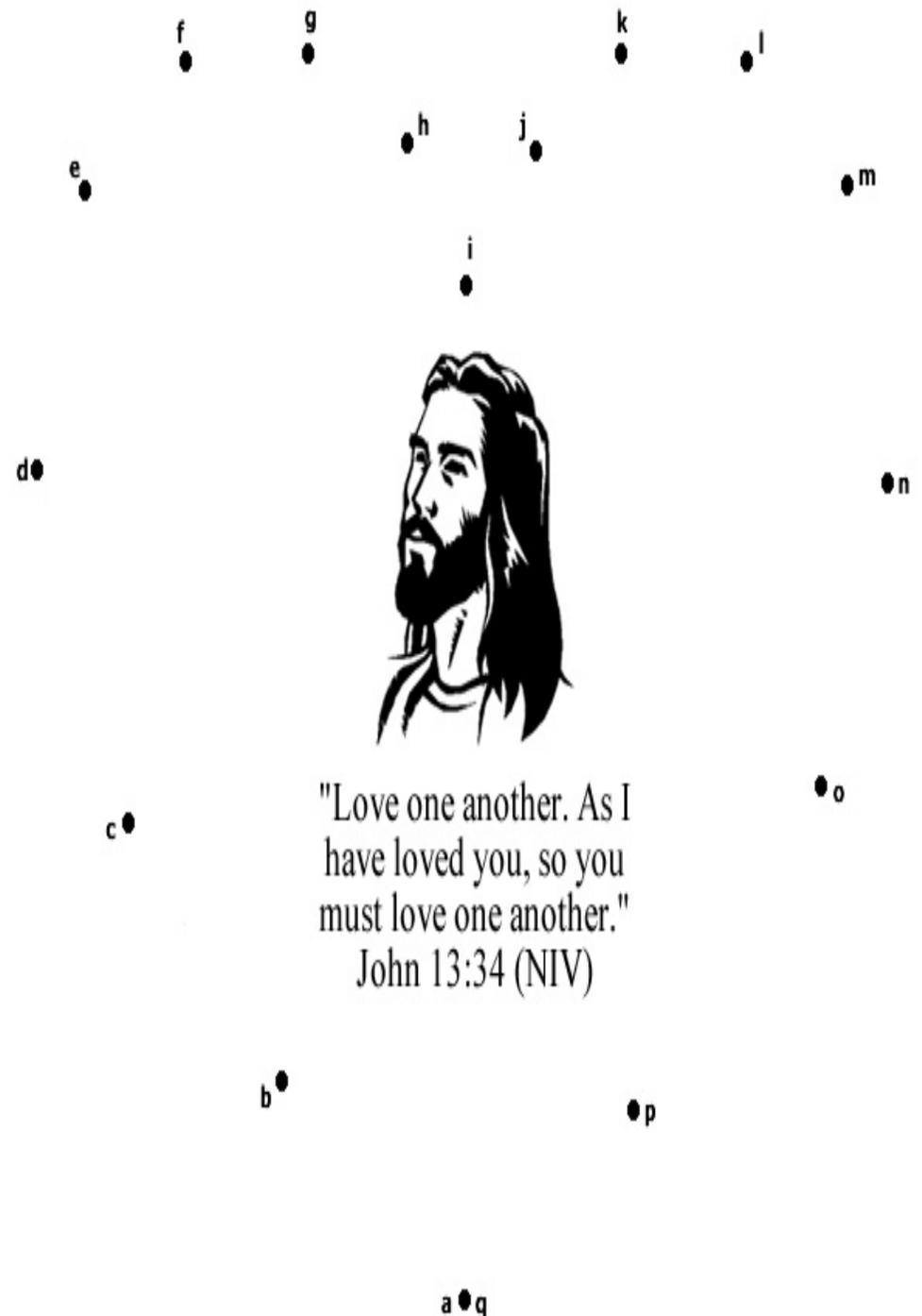
## ACROSS

1. An order or a rule given with authority
4. To have feelings of compassion and concern for another person
6. Boys and girls between birth and puberty
8. Those who follow the teachings of Jesus

## DOWN

2. People aside from oneself
3. To give praise and honour to God or a person
5. A period of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, etc.
7. The opposite of old

GLORIFY	COMMAND	TIME	OTHERS
NEW	DISCIPLES	CHILDREN	LOVE



"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."  
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