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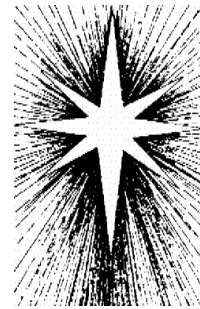
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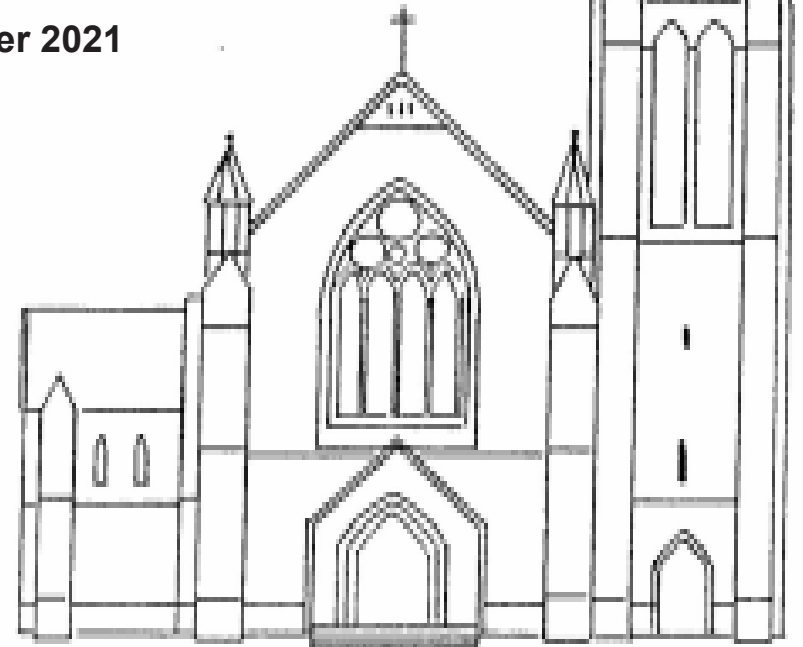
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Blythswood Care

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!

October Newsletter for Girvan North.

Dear friends, Luke is the longest Gospel with most parables, miracles and teachings within it. Half of the Lukan material is unique to his Gospel. Whilst Matthew arranges his material, Luke is less structured. Often the teaching occurs whilst food is eaten. Luke's Gospel takes us from Galilee to Jerusalem, (9-19). The first half of his Gospel is similar to Mark's. Luke discusses Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, His rejection by Jewish leadership, and the disciples' preparation for Ministry after Jesus leaves them. Just as in Matthew and Mark, Luke talks about the suffering Messiah, but in detail. Jesus dies a tragic death, but God has a purpose behind this horror, (Luke 23).

God has a plan to assist the poor, persecuted and sinful, (4:16-19). This plan fulfils the scriptural promise. This is a joyful Gospel written of its time and moves from location to location. Jesus is the Messiah, Lord, Son of God, a prophet like Moses, and suffering servant, rolled into one. These terms explain what Scripture adds to God's plan. Jesus starts a Kingdom which will defeat sin, (17:20-21). When Jesus returns He will complete His Kingdom to rule Israel, and beyond. The Jewish leaders rejected this message, but God's plan remains. Israel will suffer for its lack of faith, (19:41-44), and the nation destroyed as God's plan progresses. Israel can still redeem itself if it turns back to God.

Jesus creates "the way" - those accepting His message who seek forgiveness from sin, (5:32). Tax collectors and sinners respond willingly, whilst the Jewish leaders do not, (7:29). Women respond, (2:36-37). Jesus wants the message to reach the poor and the persecuted, (4:16-19). The disciples must continue their mission despite the rejection they will face, (21: 7-19). Jesus said you must love your enemies, trust God, pray, and ensure God's work continues. Persecution and materialism prevent discipleship.

Luke says Jesus' rejection does not nullify the Gospel. This rejection

was predicted. Luke reassures his readers of the Gospel's truth. Luke states Jesus fulfils His promises, forgives sins, and encourages others to follow Him. Jesus' ascension encourages the disciples to proclaim the Good News and eternal life. The Gospel does not name Luke, but Justin, Irenaeus, Tertullian and Clement do. Luke is an occasional disciple of Paul and comes from Antioch. From Colossians 4:10-14, Luke is a doctor and a non-Jew.

Those who believe an earlier dated Luke, cite Acts ending around 62. The Gospel must be written before this. Alternatively, if Luke describes Jerusalem's destruction, should it be after 70? But Jesus could have predicted this. Also, if time was needed for Paul's stance to rise, an 80s date is possible, although the evidence rejects this. Also, Acts points to an earlier Church emerging. There is little mention of the Roman population, no explicit 70 reference, and a racially mixed community, which all suggest an earlier date. Luke's setting may be in Antioch, Achaia in Greece, or in Rome.

John's Gospel is very different from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. We will learn more about its contents in next month's Newsletter. Stay safe and keep well.

Best wishes, Glenn.

Harvest Thanksgiving

A big thank you to everyone who donated goods for the Harvest Thanksgiving which was celebrated on Sunday 26 September.

All items have been sent to the Food Bank for distribution.

Joyce Mills

Fundraising Appeal

Another 9 months have passed and we are still unable to hold fundraising events for church funds.

During a normal church year, members willingly buy coffee morning tickets, concert tickets, and quizzes. They donate generously at soup and sweet lunches. They buy from the stalls at the Spring and Christmas Fayres and give generous donations for North Star. Fundraising normally brings in over £4000 each year.

I am appealing to members this month to consider how much they would normally have contributed in these various ways. I suggest that members put an equivalent amount in an envelope marked "Fundraising Donation" and place in the Offering Box on the vestibule table at the church. Alternatively you can send your donation directly to me at 1 Rodney Drive.

If you are a UK tax payer and have signed a Gift Aid form, please mark your envelope "Gift Aid". This allows me to claim back 25p on every pound you give.

I made this appeal last year at this time and over £3000 was raised. This was a wonderful response which I hope we can repeat this year. Please give as generously as you are able to offset the loss of income from fundraising events.

God bless you all and keep you safe and well.

Margaret Benson
Church Treasurer.

Kirk Session

Hope everybody is keeping well. The Church is getting back to some normality. There have been two Baptisms lately which has boosted the numbers attending.

The organisation are starting up:

Wednesday 6th October

Ladies Afternoon Badminton Club 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Carpet Bowling 7.00 pm

The Boys Brigade, the Mothers and Toddlers and the Sunday School have also re-started, and The Centre Group will also be starting this month.

Teas and Coffees will hopefully start in October.

The Kirk Session are discussing the Mission Plan and a decision will be made soon.

Keep well and safe – God Bless
Ian Fitzsimmons

Flowers in Church

The Flower Calendar is now on the notice board in the Vestibule for anyone who wishes to donate towards the cost of flowers on a particular date.

At this time we would like to thank Billy Benson most sincerely for again planting out the flowers in the tubs at the front door of the Church. We do appreciate what you do Billy. Thank you very much.

Agnes Gibson

OOOOPS!!

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects. He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, making lewd gestures to the guy in front of you and, cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally . . . I assumed you had stolen the car."

Ask yourself . . .

Am I just a Sunday morning Christian?

Do I set a good Christian example everyday?

Think about it . . .

Being a Christian is a whole lot like being on Candid Camera. When you least expect it, expect it!

Smiles

A Christian father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, 'I know what the Bible means!'

His father smiled and replied, 'What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?'

The son replied, 'I do know!' 'Okay,' said his father. 'What does the Bible mean?' 'That's easy, Daddy...' the young boy replied excitedly,

It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him.

Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. 'Reverend,' said the young man, 'I'm so sorry about the delay... It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.'

The minister chuckled, 'I know what you mean. It's the same in my

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, 'Boys and girls, what do we know about God?'

A hand shot up in the air. 'He is an artist!' said the kindergarten boy. 'Really? How do you know?' the teacher asked..

'You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven.... '

Prayer Topics for October

1. Leprosy Mission – India

Pray for God's guidance, wisdom and protection for all staff engaged in skills training and vocational education and also for the people affected by leprosy with whom they work. TLM India's vocational education programme is instrumental in enhancing the earning capacity of individuals affected with leprosy and general disabilities. Pray that the graduated become self reliant, take care of their families, cope with emergencies and lead a dignified life.

2. Mission Aviation Fellowship - Tanzania

Tanzania's population was left behind at the start of WHO's COVAX programme because many were suspicious about coronavirus vaccines. Pray that our Tanzania team is sensitive to the situation there and that the vaccination programme will roll out efficiently as the new President considers advice on how to take advantage of this free provision.

3. Open Doors – Ethiopia

Khalid's family disowned him when he chose to follow Jesus. After attending an Open Doors economic empowerment programme, he opened a shop and planted crops, but the area where he lives has been hit by Covid 19, locust swarms and political conflict. "I am discouraged" he says. "I want to plant grain on the rented land in the coming months." Pray for wisdom in moving his business forward.

4. At this Harvest time give thanks to God for the bounty of His creation. Remember those lands where crops have failed because of drought or floods, or where swarms of locusts have devoured everything. Pray that aid may be received through charities such as Christian Aid, Self Help Africa and others.

Pray for the people of La Palma who have lost everything because of the terrible volcanic eruption.

Ask God to call people to the ministry of His church so that many vacant charges be filled, more people encouraged to attend church and spread the Gospel in their communities.

As Heather leads the Sunday School, pray for her and the children that God will bless them and bring others to join them. Pray for parents to realise the importance of bringing their children to Sunday School and teaching them early to know and love the Lord Jesus.

Keep praying for healing and the Lord's encouragement for Wanda and His strengthening for Glenn at this difficult time for them.

Ladies Afternoon Badminton Club

As restrictions are easing after such a long time, our Afternoon Club will be starting back on Wednesday 6th October.

We meet on a Wednesday afternoon in the Church Hall from 2.00 – 4.00 pm.

It's a fun afternoon of "not too strenuous" badminton. As usual new members will be made very welcome.

Nancy Stewart

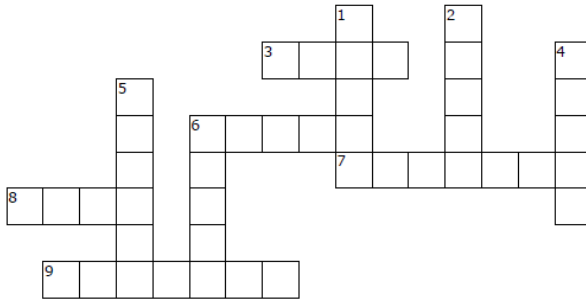
Crossreach Christmas Card

and Calendar Collection 2021

I have just received the catalogue for this year. If anyone would like to see this and/or order anything from it, please let me know as soon as possible. As I am not yet back at church, this will have to be done by phone. My numbers are 712200 or 07443427155.

Jennifer Ramsay

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. To make someone well from an illness or injury
6. A small bag or pouch for carrying money
7. Shoes consisting of a sole fastened to the foot by straps
8. To be physically or mentally ill; not well or healthy
9. The process of gathering a crop

DOWN

1. The money which a person receives for working
2. The area of land where a crop is planted
4. A building in which a family lives
5. someone who performs a particular job
6. The absence of war or fighting

HARVEST	PEACE	SICK	WAGES	SANDALS
WORKER	PURSE	HEAL	HOUSE	FIELD



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Children's Worship Bulletin

Jesus Sends Out Workers

Luke 10:1-11

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 E D X F G R C H H P P E A C E
 J S A N D A L S U C P E A X C
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PLENTIFUL	SANDALS	FEW	PEACE	ANYONE
KINGDOM	PURSE	TOWN	GREET	WORKERS
HARVEST	HEAL	HOUSE	DRINKING	SICK
ROAD	EATING	BAG	FIELD	WAGES

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Decoder Puzzle

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

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E	R	S	P	I	H	L	U	J	T	F	C	D	B	O	K	V	X	Y	A	N	Z	W	M	Q	G

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- 23-15-2-16-1-2-3 _____
- 4-7-1-21-10-5-11-8-7 _____
- 16-5-21-26-13-15-24 _____
- 3-20-21-13-20-7-3 _____
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HARVEST	WORKERS	PURSE	HOUSE
PLENTIFUL	FIELD	SANDALS	KINGDOM



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