

Church Register

Deaths:

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

Mr Tom Proudfoot Ainslie Road.
Mr Donald Shaw Ainslie Manor..
Mrs Fiona Craig Alisa Street..

Baptisms

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

India Catherine Anne Dalrymple-Hamilton
Angus John Scobie Sheddon

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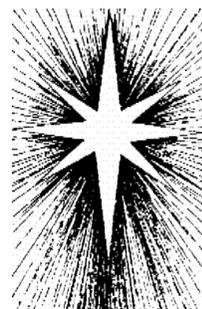
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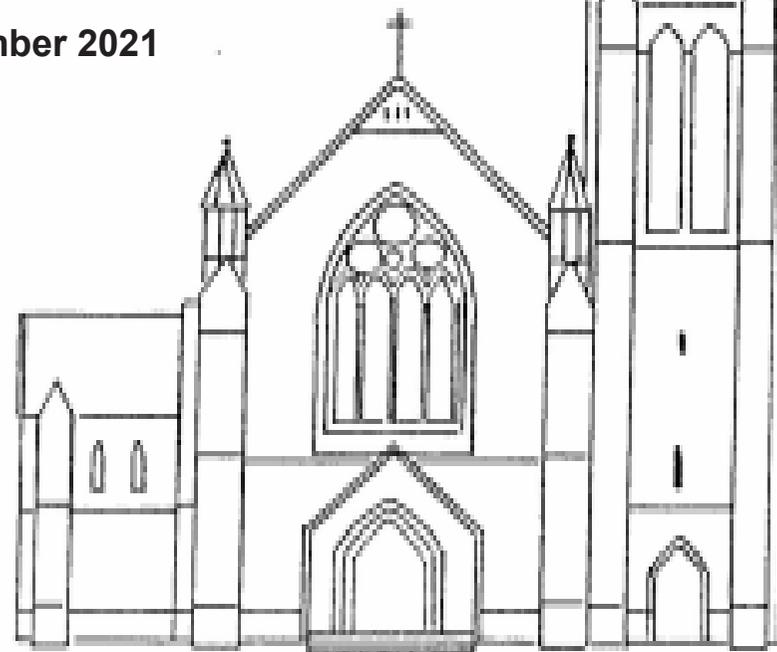
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Blythswood Care

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!

November Newsletter

John's Gospel stresses God sending Jesus into the world, and God and Jesus acting as one. Jesus is a human God, and distinctive. Unlike the synoptics, John rarely speaks of the Kingdom. Instead he speaks of everlasting life. Understanding the Father and Son, whom the Father created, gives everlasting life, (17:3). Those who reject this everlasting life will be judged, (3:16-21, 36).

God sent His "Word", as Jesus, to fulfil this promise. Jesus is the "light of the world", the "resurrection and the life", the "good shepherd", the "bread of life", and the "vine." Jesus' role is emphasised. Jesus obeys His Father. He is the expected Messiah. He is the Son of Man who lives, dies, returns to life and rises to heaven. He will pass judgement, (5:27), be raised up, (3:14), and provide salvation, (3:13; 6:27). Jesus and Moses are seen as leaders and prophets, (6:14; 7:40).

Signs are used a lot by John. Seven signs focus the first two-thirds of the Gospel. There are no exorcisms in John, unlike the synoptics. In John, Jesus heals, restores and provides. These signs show Jesus surpasses the religious authorities, (1:17). Miracles happen during Jewish celebrations with Jesus providing. When the Gospel ends, those with faith are blessed. Signs are not required, (20:29). God appears through Jesus. His way is understood, (1:14-18). Jesus is the "light of the world." Jesus' death shows how much God loved his people, (10:1-18), and how the disciples should love, (13:1, 11-17). Jesus' death unites people, glorifying God and Jesus, (3:14-16). Jesus' Ministry occurs in Judea and Galilee.

The Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, matters to John. This helps the disciples after Jesus' death to continue His Ministry, as the life-giver, (4:8-10), who fights sin, (14:25-31). Jesus believed His disciples should love one another (13:31-35). John's Gospel brings Jesus to life encouraging the reader to believe, (20:30-31). Jesus gives us eternal life in a challenging world. John shares this view with the synoptics.

The Gospel does not name John. His authorship is supported by Irenaeus, Tertullian and Clement of Alexandria, who believe him John the apostle. Irenaeus believed John's Gospel, written in Ephesus, was the latest Gospel. But where are the parables or the Transfiguration? John chooses to write differently. He knows the other Gospels. Some say it was written in the 60s or 70s since there is nothing on Jerusalem's destruction in 70, and the synoptics are not used. Outside evidence suggests a date of the 80s or 90s with John writing as an old man.

The Gospels of Matthew and John seem to be written by apostles, whilst Mark and Luke seem to have apostolic connections to Peter and Paul. Matthew writes for a Jewish audience, Mark emphasises suffering, Luke traces the movement from Jew to Gentile, and John gives his own unique view.

When we think of November, we think of Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, and we think of the ultimate sacrifice so many soldiers, sailors and air personnel made so we could remain free. Jesus similarly sacrificed His life to secure our freedom. On Remembrance Sunday, and on Armistice Day itself, we remember this ultimate act of selflessness. Stay safe and keep well.

Best wishes, Glenn.

They shall grow not old

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them. – **Laurence Binyon**

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.

Fundraising Appeal October 2021

Thanks to everyone who has handed in donations in response to our Fundraising Appeal. To date £1027 has been handed in. This is a wonderful response. This appeal is part of the Church of Scotland's National Giving Day taking place across Scotland. The objective is to help churches recoup income lost due to the Pandemic and loss of fundraising events. All money raised by us will be used by Girvan North. Please give as generously as you are able. Your generosity now and throughout the Pandemic has been much appreciated by the Kirk Session.

Margaret Benson, Treasurer.



Remember Me

(A poem for Armistice Day - The voice of the dead)

Remember me

Duty called and I went to war
Though I'd never fired a gun before
I paid the price for your new day
As all my dreams were blown away

Remember me

We all stood true as whistles blew
And faced the shell and stench of Hell
Now battle's done, there is no sound
Our bones decay beneath the ground

We cannot see, or smell, or hear
There is no death, or hope or fear

Remember me

Once we, like you, would laugh and talk
And run and walk and do the things that you all do

But now we lie in rows so neat
Beneath the soil, beneath your feet

Remember me

In mud and gore and the blood of war
We fought and fell and move no more

Remember me, I am not dead

I'm just a voice within your head. *(Harry Riley)*

Flora Sandes:

The only British woman to fight on the frontline in WW1

Born and raised in Yorkshire, Flora Sandes was the only British woman to serve on the frontline in WW1 - fighting for the Serbian army. Sandes, who died in 1956, volunteered for the St John Ambulance when she was 38-years-old and travelled to Serbia, where she enrolled in their army.

The reported tomboy was promoted to the rank of Sergeant-Major but severely wounded by a grenade in 1916. She later received the King George Star by the Serbian government and is still a Serbian national hero.

John Parr:

The first British soldier killed during WW1

Private John Henry Parr is believed to be the first British soldier killed during the war. Born in July 1897 in Finchley, he was just 17-years-old when he died but the circumstances of how he died and who shot him still remain a mystery.

It is believed that he was shot by a German cavalry patrol during a reconnaissance mission on the eve of the Battle of Mons in August, 1914.

George Ellison:

The last British soldier to be killed in WW1

Private George Edwin Ellison was the last British soldier to be killed in action in WW1. Born in York and raised in Leeds, he was shot by a sniper aged 40 while on patrol in woods just outside Mons in Belgium.

He died 90 minutes before the Armistice came into effect at 11am on November 11, 1918 and just six days before his son James' six birthday.

Prayer Topics

1. The Leprosy Mission – Bangladesh

Please pray that the leprosy control programmes of TLM Bangladesh will be able to continue active case finding initiatives and provide quality treatment for leprosy patients in the difficult aftermath of Covid 19. Throughout the pandemic very few people affected by leprosy came to the hospital for much needed care and complication management. Please Pray for God's mercy and help for the people who could not access the hospital. Many of them will feel the impact of this delayed treatment for a long time.

2. Open Doors – Sri Lanka and Laos

Ten year old Rashimi was at school when three boys tried to put a scorpion on her before beating while yelling "Christian Girl!" She suffered serious injuries, but Rashimi's faith stays strong. She says "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". Ask he Lord to powerfully use Rashimi to bless her classmates.

Somkhit and Anida are farmers with six children. They have been blamed for a drought which has caused villagers' crops to die. People said their conversion to Christianity had angered the spirits. Pray that the family will have an abundant harvest this year so that they can bless their community

3. Mission Aviation Fellowship

Earlier this year the people of Guwasa.P.N.G.were blessed when M.A.F. pilot Glenys Watson distributed Bibles to

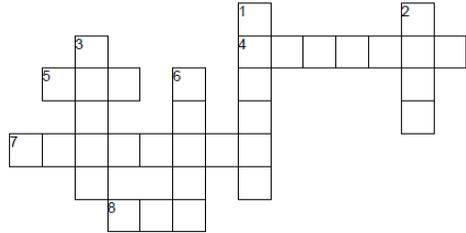
the joyous community. Give thanks for countries where there is Gospel freedom and pray for many more opportunities for M.A.F. staff to transport Christian resources, missionaries and Bible translators.

Pray that seeds planted at the peace and reconciliation safaris held in South Sudan will grow and bear fruit. May the peacemakers flown by the M.A.F. reap a harvest of righteousness as they use biblical principles to free those suffering from trauma and the relentless cycle of violence and revenge.

4. As COP26 gets underway pray for safe travelling for all the delegate attending, pray that there may be a spirit of welcoming and togetherness! Ask the lord to control protests and to prevent an upsurge in new Covid infections. Pray for wise, positive and far reaching decisions to be made.

Pray for the United Remembrance service with the South Parish Church and for Dr. Anderson and Glen as they lead in worship. Ask God for his healing touch upon Wanda in her time of weakness and that she may continually sense his loving presence and comfort with her, to strengthen and encourage her. Pray also for Glen that he will have all the strength and courage he needs as he cares for her. Thank God that He is always with us to help us.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

4. Lasting forever; without end
5. Male offspring
7. Accept something as being true, genuine, or real
8. The creator of heaven and earth

DOWN

1. To die or be destroyed
2. To rescue from danger or harm
3. The earth with its inhabitants and everything on it
6. Cared very deeply for someone

ETERNAL	WORLD	PERISH	SAVE
LOVED	GOD	BELIEVES	SON



that he gave
his only Son.

John 3:16

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The Gospel in a Nutshell

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Word Search Puzzle

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

LOVED	GOD	SON	CONDEMN	BELIEVES
THROUGH	SEND	WHOEVER	LIFE	SAVE
PERISH	ETERNAL	GAVE	HIM	WORLD

Your Church Name
Church Address
Any town, Anywhere

Decoder Puzzle

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
I	H	Q	M	B	U	O	N	C	S	G	F	A	K	Z	J	L	E	V	W	P	T	Y	R	D	X

- 20-7-24-17-25 _____
- 17-1-12-18 _____
- 10-7-8 _____
- 11-7-25 _____
- 5-18-17-1-18-19-18-10 _____
- 18-22-18-24-8-13-17 _____
- 21-18-24-1-10-2 _____
- 17-7-19-18-25 _____
- 11-13-19-18 _____
- 20-2-7-18-19-18-24 _____

ETERNAL	GOD	LOVED	SON	BELIEVES
WHOEVER	LIFE	GAVE	PERISH	WORLD



Coloring Page

For God so
loved the world...
John 3:16

