

Church Register

Deaths

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

Mrs Jean Warwick

Hillcrest

Mr John (Jack) R Chambers

11 Orchard Avenue

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Janette Robertson will be in the office – **Tues. 10.00 am – 12 noon & Friday. 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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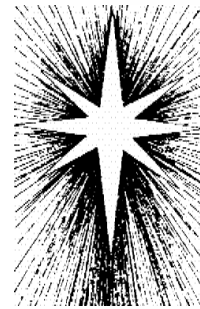
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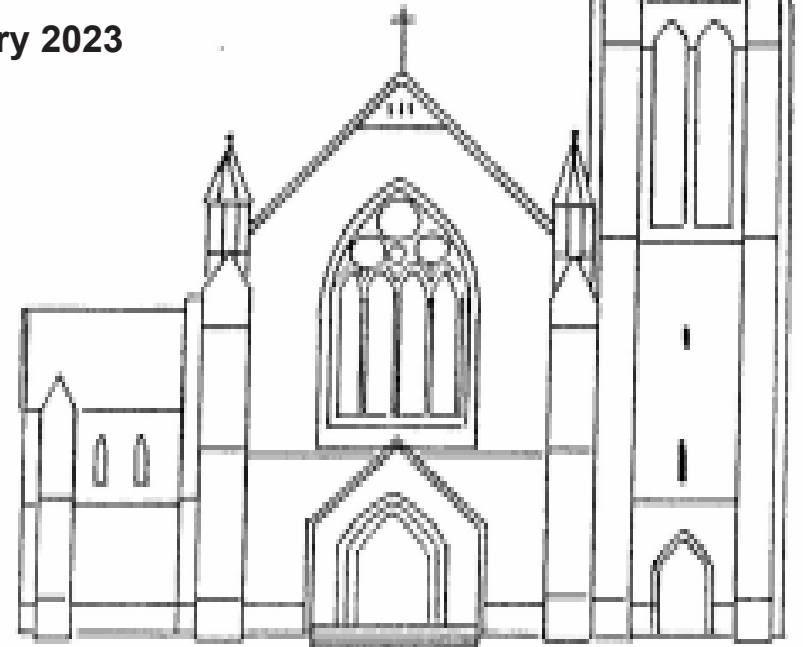
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CHURCH OFFICIALS

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

The Rotary Club of Girvan closed down at the end of 2021. Used inkjet cartridges will now only be collected in aid of the Leprosy Mission Scotland. It needs three particular makes for this purpose. Hewlett Packard (HP), Lexmark and Dell.

The Church will post them off. Please continue handing in the three names makes for all cartridges, into the box at the front door vestibule.

Many thanks for all cartridges previously given. TLM Scotland play a part in the exceptional work of caring and curing the dreaded disease of leprosy. ***Thank You – Norma Logan***

Blythswood Care

The Blythswood Charity Shop in Prestwick has closed, with no guarantee of opening in the area in the near future.

We will no longer be able to collect unwanted or unused donations from the congregation.

This should not affect the Shoe Box Appeal, as a special uplift is made every year.

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January Newsletter for Girvan North.

Dear friends, Happy New Year! A Missionary advances God's Kingdom in another culture just as they have advanced God's Kingdom in their own culture.

What qualities do we need to be good Missionaries? Firstly, we need **certainty**. The certain belief that God wants us to follow Him into another culture. We have to be so certain that we can persuade others of our cause. Do we have certainty?

Secondly, we need **initiative** when making decisions without having to ask someone else about what should happen next. Do we have initiative?

Thirdly, we need **perseverance** in what we do. It is rare that everything works out perfectly from the start. Often we are only successful through having failed first. We must persist in our goals and it will finally pay off for us. Do we have perseverance?

Fourthly, we need **humility** in our actions. The focus is not on us but on the people we share the Good News with. Do we have humility?
Fifthly, we need **flexibility** to believe that there are many ways to achieve our objectives, rather than just one way. People with greater flexibility can better achieve their goals compared to those who are completely inflexible. Do we have flexibility?

Sixthly, we need **enthusiasm** for what we do. If we are enthusiastic in what we do others will respond in a similarly enthusiastic manner. Do we have enthusiasm?

Seventhly, we need **life-long learning**. Every day should be a new learning experience. If we think we know everything we will quickly discover that there is a lot we do not know, and much more to learn. Do we have a thirst for life-long learning?

Eighthly, we need **resilience** and to be able to adapt to the new culture that we work in. We need emotional strength to recover from emotional trauma. Do we have resilience?

Ninthly, we need good **communication** skills to properly communicate our Good News message to others. Do we have good communication skills?

Tenthly, we need good **listening** skills. Being a good communicator is not enough if we are not good listeners. Do we have good listening skills?

These ten qualities of certainty, initiative, perseverance, humility, flexibility, enthusiasm, life-long learning, resilience, and effective communication and listening skills are the qualities that we would all need to possess if we were to become successful Missionaries. I would also argue that they are the qualities we would all need to possess if we were to become successful human beings. Jesus had all these qualities in abundance, but how many qualities do we possess? Maybe others should make that judgement. Very few people possess all of these qualities, but we are all "works in progress". We always strive for the ideal, despite never managing to achieve it, but that should never deter us from aiming for it in the first place. It is something Jesus expects from every one of us. So, let that be our mission. **Best wishes, Glenn.**

Treasurer's Report

Happy New Year to you all!

I am presently busy completing the 2022 Accounts. The accounts will then be presented to the Kirk Session for their approval and will also be checked by an independent examiner. The accounts are then sent to Presbytery, to the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh and to OSCR (Office of Scottish Charity Regulator). Copies of the 2022 Accounts will be available to church members in due course.

In December our income was £5,634.75 and our expenditure £7,550.67. For the whole year our income was £75,137.92 and expenditure £75,550.67.

This position is mainly due to the following:-

- Our faithful members who continue to give generously and support all our fundraising events. I thank them most sincerely for that.
- The amount of tax I have been able to reclaim from the Inland Revenue from members who have signed up to Gift Aid. (£11,061)
- Expenditure kept in check but it concerns me that it is still more than our income. Three years ago the Kirk Session decided to only spend on essential repairs/ maintenance until the Church of Scotland had decided whether Girvan North or Girvan South Parish Church was to be retained after the Union of the churches. We now know that Girvan North is being retained so there will be increased maintenance costs in 2023.

Of our 470 members there are many who do not contribute anything to the work and upkeep of our church. I appeal to them at this time to support Girvan North in one of the following ways:-

- By using weekly Freewill Offering Envelopes
- By setting up a monthly bank standing order.
- By making a donation, either in cash or by cheque, payable to Girvan North Parish Church of Scotland.

Please telephone or message me if I can be of any help .

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I wish you all a very happy, healthy safe 2023. God Bless.

Answers to Christmas Anagram Quiz

1 Carols Singers 2 Santa Claus 3 Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer
4 Christmas Cards 5 Silent Night 6 Mary and Joseph 7 Brandy Sauce
8 Wrapping Paper 9 Pantomime Dame 10 Christmas Tree
11 Feast of Stephen 12 Saint Nicholas 13 Christmas Eve 14 Frosty the Snowman
15 Nativity Play 16 Brussel Sprouts 17 Roast Turkey
18 Plum Pudding 19 Twelfth Night 20 Bethlehem
Hope you enjoyed it!

Quizzes

There will be another quiz on sale soon. It will be on British animals. (mammals)

Since my first quiz for the Restoration Fund in August 2011 we have had lots of quizzes on different subjects. Eg islands, place names, castles, Girvan Streets, houses, chairs, fruit, hats, wheels, flowers, footwear, garden items, kitchen items, puddings, weather, sports.

I am now running out of ideas! If you can think of a category that I haven't done, please let me know and I will use it in a future quiz.

(Margaret Benson 713059)

I wish you all a very happy, healthy safe 2023. God Bless.

Jars of Grace

Just a wee reminder that the Jars of Grace will be counted on the 15th January after the Church service. The Mission and Outreach Team would be very grateful if you would bring your Jars to the Church by 15th January at the latest. We would also be grateful for any member of the congregation who can come along to help with the count. The money this year will be donated to Nursery Court.

The Mission and Outreach Team

Session Clerks Spotlight January 2023

Tuesday 6 Dec was the afternoon our organist entertained us and Marie did exactly that. The church pews were well filled and I know Marie appreciated all the support. The music was so joyful. Marie is such a talented musician and we appreciated her sharing her skills with us..... on the organ, the grand piano and even in producing an accompaniment to the vocals of Isobel, Barbara and Susanne from the choir. Later, the large hall was filled with chatter and fellowship as we enjoyed a cuppa with friends - such a valued, special time to be together.



Session Clerks Spotlight January 2023

Advent has been a wonderfully joyous time in our church. Sunday 4 December saw the Memorial Chapel sparkling with lights and after the morning service the Christmas Crafts Malawi appeal opened for business. It was good to see our older Sunday school kids dressed in Christmas jumpers and hats and they did a super job of securing sales.

Wed 14 Dec saw our joint Service of Carols and Lessons at Girvan South Parish Church. This was a lovely opportunity for us to praise and worship together in our Carol singing and shared readings. It was super to hear the joint Choirs lead our praise.

At the time of writing, Christmas day is within touching distance and I imagine for some of us, it might be a busy time of preparation as we look forward to friends and family coming together. We remember in our prayers, especially those for whom Christmas is a difficult time. We look forward to our joint Christmas day and Joint New Year's Day Services.

Wishing you and your family every blessing at Christmas and during 2023. **Pauline**

A New Year's Wish

On New Year's Eve, Marilyn stood up in the local pub and said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted every husband to be standing next to the one person who made his life worth living. Well, it was kind of embarrassing. As the clock struck - the bartender was almost crushed to death.

Celebrating Together - Our Sunday School

December has been a lovely time of year to celebrate together with our church family and it has been great to see Sunday school children enjoying themselves too. The young people had super fun making Christmas decorations to support the Craft Appeal and it was good to see the young ones enjoying being included. On Sunday 17 December, the Sunday school kids went to have "Lunch with Santa" at one of our local cafes, accompanied by Heather. Clearly they know how to have fun and were delighted to meet Santa himself and received a wee gift. I'm sure they were all on the nice list! Sunday school welcomes new members and visiting children any time. They meet in the large hall at 10.50am until noon every Sunday term time.



Mission and Outreach Team

The Team would like to thank everyone for their support of the Malawi Sales Table during December. Firstly, we would like to thank all of the many people who gave up of their time to produce the items for the Table, without which we could not have been able to run the event. We would also like to thank the older members of the Sunday School for their willing support in selling the goods at the Table.

Finally, we are very grateful for the very generous support of the Congregation and friends who purchased the handicrafts at the stall. The magnificent sum of £280.00 was raised between all the events that took place between the Sundays of the 5th and 12th December, which I am sure will be greatly appreciated by our partner church on Likomo Island in Malawi.

New Year's Day Party - That Never Was?

As in many homes on New Year's Day, Janet and Nigel, a happily married couple, faced the annual conflict of which was more important: the football match on television, or the lunch itself.

Hoping to keep the peace Nigel ate lunch with the rest of the family, and even lingered for some pleasant after-lunch chat before retiring to the lounge to turn on the television.

Some minute later, Janet looked in to see how he was and graciously even bought a cold beer for Nigel. She smiled, kissed him on the cheek and asked what the score was. Nigel told her it was half time and that the score was still 0-0.

See?' Janet said happily, 'You didn't miss a thing.'

Prayer Topics for January

1. Leprosy Mission – South Korea

Please pray for all our outpatients and persons affected by leprosy who come to Jesus Hospital for support. Pray that they will be comforted and healed not only of their physical ailments but also of their heartache. Please pray for zero leprosy in Korea, with no new cases, no-one living with leprosy related disabilities and no-one experiencing discrimination because of leprosy.

2. Open Doors

Praise God for the faith and strength of Open Doors local partners who have continued to support persecuted Christians in more than 70 countries throughout 2022. Thank God for their courage and determination to minister to our sisters and brothers. Pray that God will renew their strength in the year ahead.

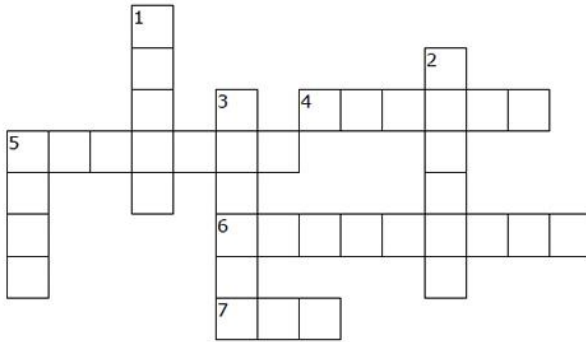
3. Mission Aviation Fellowship - Kenya

In Northern Kenya, the nomadic Rendille people worship spirits and the inanimate objects around them. Give thanks that, through the love and care shown to them in the name of Jesus, there has been an openness to the Gospel. Pray for the MAF flights that enable missionaries to share Jesus with the Rendille. Christ is the Answer Ministries share the Gospel in some of the hardest to reach corners of Kenya. Pray for our partnership with this organisation which enables remote communities to experience the lifechanging power of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection.

4 Give thanks for all the blessings of the past year. Bring before the Lord the current disruption due to industrial action and ask God to give government wisdom to know how to solve the present problems. Pray for the Ukrainians and Afghans and other refugees trying to build a new life in this country.

Continue to pray for Glenn and Wanda and all officials in the church. Pray for a new interest in God's Word and a desire to walk in His ways. His Word says "Behold I make all things new." Pray that every one of us may be made new and have a new vision for a new year, one that will honour His name.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

4. The entire group of people who follow the teachings of Jesus
5. To tear down or ruin completely
6. To treat badly, especially because of religion
7. A false statement deliberately presented as being true

DOWN

1. A firm belief in God
2. To deliver a sermon
3. The good news concerning Christ, the Kingdom of God, and salvation
5. Periods of 24 hours

GOSPEL	CHURCH	FAITH	PERSECUTE
DAYS	DESTROY	PREACH	LIE



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Children's Worship Bulletin

The Transformer

Galatians 1:11-24

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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DESTROY	GRACE	PRAISED	CHURCH	CALL
REVEAL	PERSECUTED	CHRIST	PREACH	FAITH



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Paul learned that Jesus is God's Son.

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