

## Church Office

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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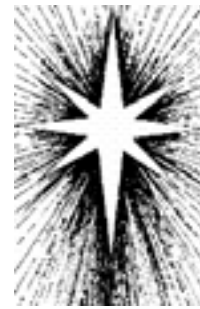
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*Please note that during the months of June, July and August the Church Office will only be open each Friday 10.00 am – 12 noon. If secretarial services are required out-with these hours please contact Janette Robertson on 01465 715195 or 07855965908 or email [jin13ty@gmail.com](mailto:jin13ty@gmail.com), when arrangements will be made.*

*The office will revert to normal hours from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August: Tuesday 10.00 am – 12 noon and Friday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm.*

### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

All articles for the September 2023 issue of the Church Magazine should be given to the Editor by Sunday 27th August 2023



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## **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.

God asked adam, "What's wrong with you?"

Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk to.

So, God said he was going to make Adam a companion and that it would be a woman. God said, "This person will gather food for you, and when you discover clothing she'll wash it for you. She will always agree with every decision you make. She will bear your children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them. She will never nag you, and she will always be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement. She will never have a headache and will freely give you love and passion whenever you need it."

Adam asked God, "What will a woman like this cost?"

God replied, "An arm and a leg."

Then Adam asked, "What can I get for a rib?" And the rest is history.

Lost on a rainy night, a nun stumbles across a monastery and requests shelter there. Fortunately, she's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips she had ever tasted.

After dinner, she went into the kitchen to thank the chefs. She was met by two of the Brothers. The first one says, "Hello, I am Brother Michael, and this is Brother Charles."

"I'm very pleased to meet you," replies the nun. "I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever had. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Charles replied, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

She turned to the other Brother and says "then you must be...?"

"Yes, you guessed it... I'm the chip monk."

## June Newsletter for Girvan North.

**Dear friends,** Education is a wonderful way, at any age, of learning something new, deepening your knowledge in a subject already studied, making new friendships, embracing new technology, responding successfully to a challenge set for yourself, and having an enjoyable experience. I have chatted to many in the congregation who have spoken about education in this way. They spoke so positively about how they were treated by the institution they were studying with; how much support they received during their studies; and how much they gained from their educational experience. Education is a wonderful privilege which can benefit us all.

If we are honest, no one really likes change. It is easier just to do what we have always done. What is harder is to try something new, risk failure, and embark on a project where you do not know how it will end. Yes, it is harder, but it is also a challenge worth taking. If we always stay within our comfort zone we will begin to stop growing, and not aspire to do anything new; alternatively, if we move beyond our comfort zone, anything is possible. The reason why I have spent so much time talking about education is because I have decided to "return to University". I have decided to take a Masters Degree in Psychology, with the Open University, as I am studying a subject which will assist me in my Ministry at a very highly regarded institution. It will certainly be challenging, expensive, but essentially worthwhile.

This will begin in September, so I will try to organise my life to firstly, care for my wife, secondly, continue with my job as Locum, and thirdly, pursue my studies. It sounds good in theory; hopefully, it will all work out in practice!

Education is all very well, but experience should not be forgotten. Having a range of qualifications is not a lot if you have little empathy, common sense, or courage. Although Jesus' disciples were ordinary fishermen, they grew in experience as they "studied" Jesus. This

study enabled them to spread the Christian message firstly across the Mediterranean, and then around the world. They did not need educational qualifications to do this; what they did need was courage, as well as common sense, and empathy. You can have all the qualifications in the world, but if you do not have courage, common sense, or empathy, you have very little to work with.

Despite being ordinary citizens, Jesus' disciples gained the experience needed to spread the Christian message. Understanding theory is important, but what is more important is applying that theory learned into practice. It is the practical application which should resolve any problems. Understanding someone's behaviour helps answer why they act in the way that they do. Everyone speculates, but Psychology rigorously applies these theories systematically. That is why, I believe, Psychology, like many other Social Sciences, greatly assists Ministry. Why do fewer people go to Church today? How can we encourage people to return to Church again? Why can some Churches better expand their congregations than others? What role does livestreaming play in encouraging people back to Church?

These answers will ultimately determine the future of the Church. As the disciples successfully expanded the Christian message firstly across the Mediterranean, and then around the world, the very least we can do is to ensure that their work was never completed in vain.

**Best wishes, Glenn.**

### Church Diary

Sunday School Awards day	Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> June
Joint Communion (Girvan North)	Sun 25 June 11am
SCCT Harbour Service	Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> July 3pm
SCCT Pot Luck Supper	Sun 17 Sept 5pm
Harvest Thanksgiving	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept

20	The crab bit him, while hiding	Rabbit
21	Computer accessory	Mouse
22	22 15 12 5	Vole
23	Its tail is a hairstyle	Pony
24	Shaun or Dolly	Sheep
25	Work very hard	Beaver
26	TOCEPAL (Anagram)	Polecat
27	DOGGEEHH (Anagram)	Hedgehog
28	SWALEE (Anagram)	Weasel
29	TNIMERPEAN (Anagram)	Pine Marten
30	REOSMODU (Anagram)	Dormouse

Winner of Quiz

Fiona Maclachlan

Over £400 has been raised with money still coming in.

Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser by buying or selling quizzes.

**Margaret Benson**

## South Carrick Churches Together (SCCT)

Summer Harbour Service – We look forward to the Salvation Army leading our joint service on Sunday 30 July 3pm. Please put the date in your diary and come down to the harbour to join in.

Pot Luck Supper – It will be lovely to get together with our friends from other churches for our Pot Luck supper on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm. We look forward to the Girvan Community Choir who will entertain us with a few musical numbers on a Scottish theme. All welcome - Family Friendly!

In his beautiful book, "I Shall Not Want," Robert Ketchum tells of a Sunday School teacher who asked her group of children if anyone could quote the entire 23rd Psalm. A golden-haired, four-and-a-half-year-old girl was among those who raised their hands.

A bit sceptical, the teacher asked if she could really quote the entire psalm.

The little girl came to the front of the room, faced the class, made a perky little bow, and said, "The Lord is my shepherd, that's all I want."

She bowed again and went and sat down.

That may well be the greatest interpretation of the 23rd Psalm ever heard.

## British Mammal Quiz in aid of Ukraine

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|----|---|----------|
| 1  | Used in PE lesson                             | Horse    |
| 2  | Its eye is right in middle                    | Bull     |
| 3  | It fell on Arran                              | Goat     |
| 4  | A spy   | Mole     |
| 5  | Runs to a tunnel and is hidden!               | Stoat    |
| 6  | Little one is carol.                          | Donkey   |
| 7  | Sounds expensive                              | Deer     |
| 8  | Its glove is tall and purple                  | Fox      |
| 9  | In a poke, its disappointing                  | Pig      |
| 10 | If you smell it, its suspicious               | Rat      |
| 11 | To search around                              | Ferret   |
| 12 | A mark of approval                            | Seal     |
| 13 | It can fly                                    | Bat      |
| 14 | The tortoise beat it                          | Hare     |
| 15 | Bright and bushy tailed                       | Squirrel |
| 16 | Out of the bag, it's no longer a secret       | Cat      |
| 17 | With "h" it's warmer                          | Otter    |
| 18 | Goes with a slip, a bell or a pat             | Cow      |
| 19 | If you're in its house, you are out of favour | Dog      |

## Prayer Topics

### 1. **Leprosy Mission – Niger**

Pray that through TLM Niger activities new cases of leprosy will be detected early and God will bring transformation, healing and hope to people affected by leprosy and their communities in Niger.

### 2. **Mission Aviation Fellowship.**

Ethnologue estimates that there about 7,151 living languages in the world. Pray for all the Bible translators who fly with MAF and work tirelessly so that people can be fed spiritually by reading God's Word in their own language.

### 3. **Open Doors - Syria**

The civil war in Syria has led to hundreds of thousands of deaths, massive displacement and a deep economic crisis. Many people, including Christians have fled the country. Pray for an end to the conflict and that God will give a hope and a future to those Christians who have courageously stayed.

4 Pray for the Government, for wisdom as they try to find answers to so many difficult problems. Pray for families in real poverty on the brink of despair, that God would show them a source of provision for their needs. Bring before the Lord those with terminal illnesses and ask for His comforting touch and reassurance. Remember all countries in conflict such as Ukraine, Niger, Myanmar, Pakistan and others.

As we once again celebrated Pentecost, give thanks for the power of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Pray that we may draw on His resources and experience much more of, the joy, enthusiasm and dynamic power as did the first disciples in the early church. Praise God for the privilege of being sons and daughters of the King of kings and being loved by Him immeasurably. Uphold all ministers of the Gospel in these days when so many question its relevance to our daily lives.

## CROSSREACH

CROSSREACH is the social care arm of the Church of Scotland and delivers a fabulous service to vulnerable adults, families, children and elderly across Scotland. Many of our congregation have generously given to enable this valuable work to continue in the toughest of circumstances. Over the month of June perhaps we can remember the following CROSSREACH work in our prayers.

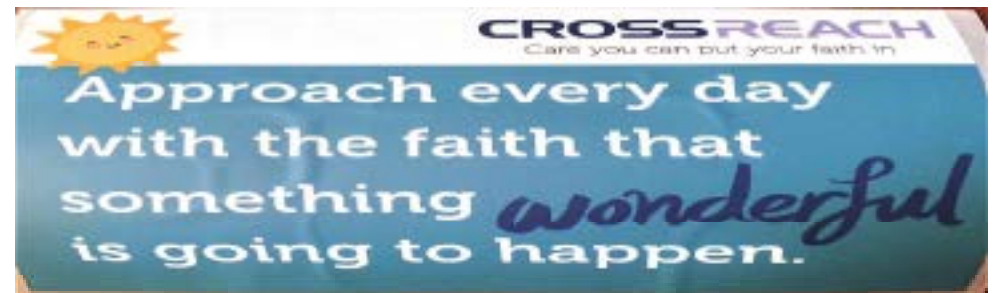
Allarton, Glasgow - A residential service providing support to 14 adults experiencing mental health issues

The Elms, Edinburgh – Residential Care for older people with dementia

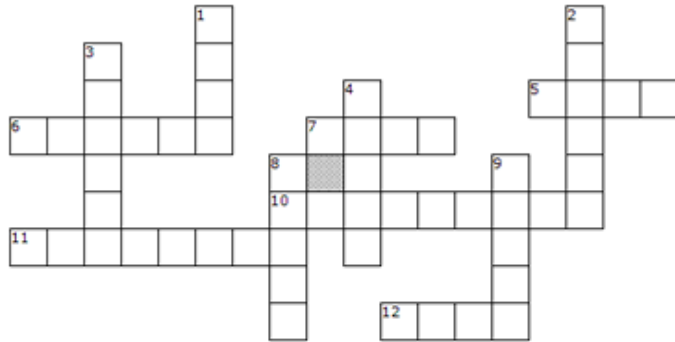
Daisy Chain Early Years project – Play based groups and family support to help families thrive together

CrossReach Board and Secretary to the Social Care Council- ensuring good governance over CrossReach so that the services can continue to provide their vital care and support

Please have a look at the CROSSREACH website to find out more or to make a purchase at the online shop or make a donation.



# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

5. Make something to be full
6. To be totally surprised
7. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
10. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles
11. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
12. A destructive burning

## DOWN

1. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
3. The place where God lives
4. Something that can be heard
8. To say words, to use the voice
9. A building which people live in

HEAVEN	SPIRIT	FIRE	HOLY
WIND	PENTECOST	LANGUAGE	SPEAK
SOUND	FILL	HOUSE	AMAZED



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# Children's Worship Bulletin

Filled with the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-21

# Word Search Puzzle

O M D E D N W Q T H X X G E M  
 U A Y N M H I B Q O O U K P Y  
 W J U W E V B L V H N L O E O  
 O O R I B A M O E E Z G Y N E  
 S R N N C E G W T A T N U T I  
 K P L D Y D M I R R Q J W E W  
 M A N A E G L N O T H E R C S  
 C U M L N R X G S L S Z Z O W  
 V P L J H G S A H P P N H S X  
 Y I C D Y N U M N P I Q D T U  
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FIRE	PENTECOST	WONDERS	AMAZED
HEAR	OTHER	SPEAK	WIND
SPIRIT	BLOWING	TONGUES	HOLY
DECLARE	LANGUAGE	SOUND	FILLED

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# Multiple Choice Quiz

Choose the word that best matches the definition.  
Check your answers in Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

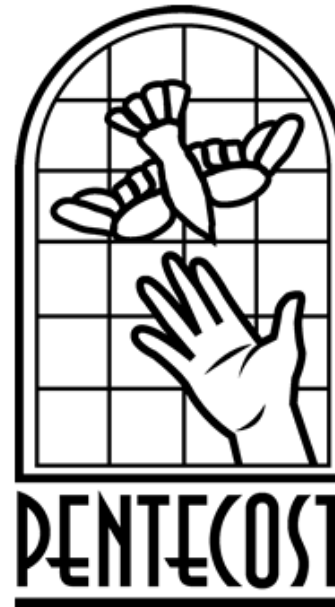
- \_\_\_ 1. Make something to be full  
A. fill B. sound C. fire D. spirit
- \_\_\_ 2. To say words, to use the voice  
A. amazed B. speak C. sound D. language
- \_\_\_ 3. A destructive burning  
A. flood B. sound C. wind D. fire
- \_\_\_ 4. A building which people live in  
A. house B. temple C. spirit D. holy
- \_\_\_ 5. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree  
A. wind B. fire C. fill D. speak
- \_\_\_ 6. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word  
A. fire B. holy C. wind D. amazed
- \_\_\_ 7. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country  
A. language B. speak C. sound D. fill
- \_\_\_ 8. To be totally surprised  
A. spirit B. fire C. amazed D. holy
- \_\_\_ 9. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost  
A. spirit B. person C. holy D. amazed
- \_\_\_ 10. Something that can be heard  
A. spirit B. speak C. sound D. amazed

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:4 (NIV)

# Word Jumble

Unscramble each word and then place the numbered letters in the numbered boxes at the bottom to reveal the answer.



WNID      
3

IFER      
2

SIRITP        
8 1 4

SEKPA       
5

CDORW       
6 7

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 4

## PUZZLE CLUES

1. A sound like the blowing of a violent \_\_\_\_\_ came from heaven.
  2. They saw what seemed to be tongues of \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. All of them were filled with the Holy \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. They began to \_\_\_\_\_ in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
  5. Peter stood up and spoke to the \_\_\_\_\_ of people.
- Answer: All of these events took place on the day of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Check your answers in Acts 2:1-14 (NIV)