



Kilbarchan Parish Church

Your local church magazine

Dear Friends,

As I write this we are in the midst of preparing to move to the new Manse – and it's exciting. I'm sure by the time you read this we will have moved and when the next issue of the church magazine comes out we will have settled.

But at the moment, here and now its preparation time. And part of the preparation is decluttering, or trying to. That's difficult when you are a collector. As a wee boy I started with trains, then seashells, then stamps, then books, then dinky toy cars. I wish I'd kept them in their boxes instead of racing around the living room carpet.

I am a collector. And as the years go by I continue to collect. I find it very difficult to throw things out. I sometimes visit folks who are minimalist, walls bare, very little ornaments, I just don't get it.

I need to surround myself with things.

Clothes – I haven't thrown clothes out in years. What is it they say?

If it's in your wardrobe and you haven't worn it in a year throw it out. That's a bit harsh to me. Give them to a charity shop.

You know what I mean. Many of us have a sight tendency to collect or hoard. Is that a good thing or does it just mean I'm hopeless at making decisions.

I remember when my Gran passed away after living a good long life. She had kept birthday and Christmas gifts still in the wrapping paper from years ago. She didn't need them.

Sorting tough her stuff was hard for my Mum and her sister and brother. Not because my Gran had lots of things, she lived a fairly simple life, but because many things had memories associated with them. Most things weren't precious, they had been useful for her lifestyle but weren't needed any longer.

But a lot of her possessions prompted discussion in the family. What should we keep that we wanted to pass on to grandchildren and succeeding generations. What did we want to pass forward, not just things, but also of her identity, her struggles, her hard won wisdom.

The 21st century church faces a similar responsibility. We in Kilbarchan have spent months making at times difficult decisions. We are definitely getting there but at times it has been painful, and we acknowledge that.

Sorting through is never easy. Many things have memories attached. It has been impossible to hold on to everything.

Yet we do not throw out the baby with the bathwater.

The essentials of our faith, Christ crucified and Risen – essential

Love your neighbor as you love God and yourself – essential.

We need to declutter our Christian life and our church life and concentrate on the essentials so that we can pass on something lasting and of real value to our children and grandchildren.

I better get back to my own decluttering. Now where did I put that awful sermon I preached from 1996!?

Your friend

Stephen

FROM THE EDITOR



Autumn is now with us and I do hope you all had a good summer break. Now all our organisations and groups are back in harness. As well as coming to worship on a Sunday, why not give some of the weekday groups a try. Country Dancing, Drama or the Guild to name but a few. You'll find out more as you go through the magazine.

I hope that this, our third magazine will contain something of interest to you and if you want to submit something you wish to share with us, then please send it in. This is after all YOUR Magazine and your support is not only appreciated, it is needed.

The winter issue will come out on Sunday 4th December and all items for it should reach me by Sunday 20th November.

Alastair MacKinnon

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KIRK SESSION REPORT

I hope you had a good summer. We have not had a Session Meeting since the last edition of the church magazine so just a few updates on what was reported earlier.

We have had two informal communions over the summer period, end of June and end of August. The next formal communion is at the end of October. I am sure we will review the timing and number of communions in the coming months. Please let your elder know if you have any views on this matter.

Thanks again to the volunteers who helped by opening the church to visitors on a Tuesday afternoon during the summer months.

We took possession of the new manse at 41 Shuttle Street at the beginning of August. Stephen moved in on Tuesday 30th August and it is hoped that the sale of the former East Church manse will take place at the beginning of September.

A tremendous amount of work has been done in the church buildings during the summer months. I would thank everyone involved in any way. We do still need volunteers to become involved in the different aspects of the church. Please speak to me if you feel you can help in any way.

Beadle Duties for coming months

September	Myra Grant, Malcolm MacAskill, Jenifer Pitchers
October	Graham McKay, Neil Chittick, Una Strachan
November	Alastair MacKinnon, Sandy Graham, Bobby Stevenson
December	Richard Pitchers, Joyce Scott, Ann McLeod

Fulton Dunn

AN EPITAPH

Here lies a poor woman who always was tired;
She lived in a house where the help was not hired.
Her last words on earth were: "Dear friends, I am going
Where washing ain't done, nor sweeping, nor sewing:
But everything is exactly to my wishes:
For where they don't eat there's no washing of dishes,
I'll be where loud anthems will always be ringing,
But having no voice, I'll be clear of the singing.
Don't mourn for me now; don't mourn for me never .
I'm going to do nothing for ever and ever."

TREASURER'S REPORT

With the purchase of a new Manse for the Parish Church -41 Shuttle Street, Kilbarchan-and the near completion of the sale of the former East Church Manse ,Church Street, Kilbarchan- the finances of the Church will be much clearer in the next few weeks. All being well the Minister and his family will have moved into 41 Shuttle Street by 1 September. While it would be inappropriate to comment until the sale of the former East Manse has been completed and the cash is in the bank, it is good news that, within a few months, a new Manse has been purchased and we are on the verge of selling the current Manse. There has been a significant amount of work-from attending meetings, viewing houses, contacting 121 George Street to lifting carpets and many more labour intensive tasks carried out. Thank you to all who assisted.

The success of the Roof Appeal-fast approaching £20,000 in a relatively short period-together with the Legacy of £40,000 earmarked for the new Church roof taken in tandem with the net proceeds from sale of two Manses (almost) and the purchase of a new Manse give us the financial strength to carry out the essential and urgent work on the Parish Church and Halls identified by Consultants without putting at risk the financial stability of the Church itself. It is good to know that the facility to donate on line including a mechanism for gift aid-My donate-is working well.

To complete the full programme of works and give the Parish Church a tremendous boost for generations to come fundraising will still be important but undoubtedly we have a firm financial base to build on. This will first and foremost ensure that Ministry and Mission Allocations are met in full together with fuel, insurances, routine repairs, cleaning, admin costs etc. The safeguarding of our unrestricted Reserves-currently about £55,000- independent of Reserves earmarked for new roof etc- together with concentrating on levels of giving , gift aided, if possible, and supporting regular annual fundraising events including Art off the Square., Christmas Fayre etc should ensure we are meeting our obligations while adopting a prudent Reserve policy.

Equally important is to ensure the Church and Halls are wind and watertight. By mid September a Project Manager should have been appointed and the net earmarked capital funding for essential and urgent capital works known. Within the next few months decisions will be taken on the schedule of works to be tackled, the timetable and the budgetary constraints but there is no doubt that funds will be available for a significant proportion of work to be carried out identified as essential or urgent.

We were a" little" disappointed when we were notified that we were unsuccessful with an application for grant from a National body for a new Church roof.

Information was subsequently received that the scheme was vastly over subscribed. There is a Committee working on grant applications with a few already submitted awaiting decisions and a number still in the process of preparation. We are optimistic!

During the last few months an immense amount of work has taken place collecting and disposing of surplus furniture and equipment. It was good to be in a position to donate chairs to the Glenburn Parish Church. A number of items in the small Hall that did not attract interest from Members are now in the hands of an Auctioneer and should go "under the hammer" in September. Shortly after this we should know a total figure for the disposal of all surplus furniture etc. This sum will be earmarked for the Roof Appeal. A huge amount of physical work has gone into the movement of heavy items together with cataloguing, etc by many Members. Thank you.

The former West Church Bank Account is due to close "very shortly". There are still about fifteen Members paying by Standing Order directly into this Account. Please contact me on 703881 for details of the Parish Church Bank Account or speak to Ken Dalglish in order that you can notify your bank of the change of Account.

At the time of writing this article Art off the Square is in full swing with a very successful Opening Night both socially and financially. As mentioned earlier proceeds from this and other regular fundraising events will go to finance the ongoing, routine but essential expenditure on the Church, Halls and Manse. Please support these events plus a range of events including Songs of Praise and a Jazz night-proceeds of these events will go to the Roof Fund.

It was anticipated that the marketing of the former West Parish Church buildings would have commenced by this time by the General Trustees as owners of the title deeds of the property. While one or two enquiries have been made of the organ and pews in the last few months I am not aware of any real progress in terms of disposal. Enquiries are currently ongoing to determine the up to date position.

The Charity Number of the Parish Church is SC012123-same as that of the former Kilbarchan East Church. In the OSCR web site the final examined Accounts of the former East Church to 31 December 2015 appear under this number while the Accounts of the former Kilbarchan West Parish Church will shortly appear under their former number SC017140. The first set of Accounts for the Parish Church will be on the OSCR web site next year.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Jim Moffat

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In May of this year I attended the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland as the first Commissioner representing Kilbarchan Parish Church. The Theme of the Assembly was People of the Way.

On the Saturday morning I was most surprised to receive a note in my mailbox from a former colleague I had worked with over twenty years ago. He then stayed in Kilbarchan and was a member of the former East Church. He now stays near St.Andrews. We met up with people from all over Scotland and were able to discuss the daily proceedings of the Assembly which was good.

The Ministries Council plans to explore hub-style ministry as a way of facing the challenge of falling number of ministers and members from church closures in unions and linkages.

The role of young people within the church was discussed urging Kirk Sessions and Presbyteries to address how young people are enabled to participate within Kirk Sessions and Presbyteries.

It was the first time that the head of the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby took part in a debate of the General Assembly.

The Columba Declaration, committing the Church to a closer relationship with the Church of England, was unanimously passed following a speech by the Archbishop who also recognised the hurt caused to the Scottish Episcopal Church when it had been announced. He apologised for this and he would ensure that they were included in the contact group overseeing the implementation.

On the Sunday I attended morning service at St.Giles' Cathedral and in the afternoon the Heart and Soul gathering in Princes Street gardens. One was so formal and the other the exact opposite but both were memorable in their own way. I also attended the Big Sing which was organised by the Guild and it was most enjoyable and again I met up with people I knew from Largs.

I attended the assembly every day and listened to all the debates and cast my vote when asked.

Again it was an enlightening experience and I would urge you to attend should you get the chance.

Helen Robertson

Messy Church in Kilbarchan

Church Halls, Steeple Square, Kilbarchan



** games*

** crafts*

Everyone is welcome

** fun*

** worship*

** food*

FREE!!!



All children must
be accompanied
by an adult

Entry is

4.00pm – 6.00pm

Saturdays 17th September and 15th October

Further dates to follow

Kilbarchan Parish Church
Raise the Roof Appeal

Presents

An Evening of Jazz and Swing

With **F.P. Big Band**

Saturday 8th October
at 7.30pm

In the church hall.

Donation ticket £10, which
includes a buffet supper
and a lucky programme
with a prize draw.

**KILBARCHAN PARISH CHURCH
GUILD**

COFFEE MORNING

in
Church Hall

Saturday 17th September

10.00am – 12.00noon

Ticket £2.50

FUND-RAISING NEWS

Dear Friends

Fund-raising has always played an important part in the social life of the church and is particularly important now as we work towards the Raise the Roof campaign.

“Art Off the Square. This has once again been an extremely successful event, raising over £ 3,700 for church funds and we were delighted to welcome visitors from far and wide. Many thanks to the organisers, Myra and George Grant, along with those who helped to hang the paintings, print the catalogues, cleared the hall for the show, the Fund-raising committee and all who helped in the tearoom and donated the beautiful baking.

Our Ladies’ Evening is on Tuesday 15th November at 7.30pm in the hall when Aileen MacLeod of “Oh Sew Tartan” will talk and demonstrate the art of using tartan to make fascinators, brooches etc. She will bring along gifts to buy. We are also pleased to welcome back the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice shop- many of you like to buy your Christmas cards and gifts and it’s always good to be able to help this worthwhile charity. The date is later than usual this year, so do make sure you wait for your Christmas cards! Entrance will be £3 which includes home-baking with coffee.

The Burns Supper is on Saturday 28th January at 6.30pm in the hall. Tickets are now available from committee members and we ask for a non-returnable deposit of £5 when you book. There will be a limited number of tickets available, price £20, so first come, first served! There will be a 3-course meal, catering by the University of the West of Scotland, followed by coffee and shortbread. Plans are well under way, the meal, speakers and entertainment have all been booked.

We would be delighted to welcome some new committee members-especially men.


Jenifer Pitchers

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Committee members: Irene Moffat (Treasurer), Margaret Allan, Elizabeth Anderson, Betty Clark, Rosemary Clark, Margaret Gray, Marjory Love, Jemima McDermid, Joan MacKinnon, Helen Miller, Una Strachan, Fulton Dunn

This....is....the....way....the....church....sometimes....looks....to....the....minister....when....he....goes....into....the....pulpit.

Itwouldlooklikethisifeverybodybroughtsomebodyelsetochurch.



KILBARCHAN PARISH CHURCH
DRAMA GROUP
Presents

THE EVEN GREATER ESCAPE

Thursday 24th November
Friday 25th November
Saturday 26th November

STITCHING GROUP

The Stitching Group has spent the summer making poppies. These will be on sale after each Church service during October.

We meet in the small hall every Tuesday from 2-4 pm, the last half hour being spent in Bobbins and will begin the autumn session on Tuesday 6th September, when we will start working for the Christmas Fayre.

We'd be delighted to see new members. We have a good stack of patterns for projects and can provide materials if necessary. New ideas are always welcome.

Best wishes to all from the Stitching Group.

Alison McNicoll



1st KILBARCHAN BOYS' BRIGADE

We finished our session in May with a very successful sausage sizzle in the pouring rain and as you can see – lots of happy faces. For the younger boys this was the first time they had been out playing and eating in heavy rain. We started the evening with a “Hounds and Hare Challenge” where a leading group of Company Section Boys ran ahead leaving a trail for the other boys and supervising leaders to follow. The route took the boys through various parts of Kilbarchan and ended with the sausage sizzle in the church grounds. The boys then returned home happy and tired!



As you read this article we will have started our new session and we have plans to develop our programme over the year and to take part in more Brigade Competitions around Renfrewshire.

1st Kilbarchan Boys' Brigade enrolment fee is paid in 2 stages - £25 to cover the period September to December 2016 and a further £25 to cover the period from January to June 2017. Payment for the January to December period is due in January 2017.

The Anchors meet in the small hall from 7 pm to 8.30 pm beginning on 2nd September with the boys being looked after by Joyce and Shona. Boys who are in Primary 1, 2 and 3 are eligible to join the Anchor Section although we can take boys aged 4 and a half.

The Junior Section meet in the main hall from 7 pm to 8 pm and then move to the Session House to complete their programme from 8 pm to 8.30 pm.

The Juniors will be supervised by Alan, Mary, Moira, Euan and Christine. Boys from Primary 4, 5 and 6 are able to join the Junior Section and we look forward to new members joining the Juniors for an interesting, exciting and fun-filled programme throughout the year.

The Company and Senior Section meet in the main hall from 8 pm to 10.30 pm. We are due to have 2 of our young people achieving their Queen's Badges during the session and a number of boys beginning their quest for a President's Badge this year. The young people will be led by Craig, Colin and Kieran who are planning an exciting and interesting programme in conjunction with the boys in the various sections.



I look forward to a great year ahead with a new and varied programme of activities planned for the year.

On Saturday 8th October we are having our Coffee Morning and Small Hall Sale from 10 am to 12 noon.

Our Enrolment Service is the following day Sunday 9 October 2016.

The Fireworks Display will take place on Friday 4th November. The Boys' Brigade and Scouts combine to get this very popular event organised for the community of Kilbarchan with Soup and Sandwiches available in the hall after the event for parents and friends.

The Remembrance Day Parade takes place on Sunday 13th November 2016 with a short service taking place at the War Memorial at 10 am.

Check out our Facebook page for 1stkilbarchanbb to see what we are up to!

The Adventure Begins Here!

Robert Stevenson

RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN

Since the unveiling of “Tony” the Totaliser in May, a wonderful £18,000 has already been donated. As promised in our letter of appeal, the committee is organising a series of events and hopefully you will enjoy coming along to some or all. Please put these dates in your diary and calendar.

September 11th There will be another family Soup, Bread and Shortbread lunch, by donation.

October 8th An Evening of Jazz and Big band Music by FP Big Band from East Renfrewshire in the hall at 7.30pm. The band have performed many concerts in East Renfrewshire and had considerable success at the Glasgow Music Festival. Donation tickets are £10 and will include a buffet supper and a lucky programme with a prize draw. This should be a fantastic evening for all, so tell family and friends and get your tickets from 11th September.

November 6th The morning service will take the form of a Songs of Praise morning and will be followed by an “afternoon tea” style lunch of sandwiches, scones and cakes in the hall, again no ticket, just a donation. We would be pleased to receive donations of baking .

December 11th A Christmas Afternoon in the hall at 2pm. We are delighted to welcome the St James’ Handbell Ringers, a fabulous group of musicians, and Moira Gray with Village Voices to entertain you. There will be mulled wine-(non-alcoholic)/coffee, along with mince pies and shortbread. Donation tickets are £5, children £3 and will be on sale after the Drama production.

Committee members: Gwen Howden, Susan MacAskill, Una Strachan, Joyce Scott, Margaret Allan, Jenifer Pitchers and George Grant.

Raise The Roof - Donating Online

The response to the Raise The Roof campaign has been fantastic so far and it seems that interest in this major fundraising effort remains high. It is now possible to support this campaign online through our MyDonate fundraising page.

You can find a link to this page at the bottom of every page of our website kilbarchan-kirk.btck.co.uk or going directly to our fundraising page at <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/kilbarchanparishchurch>



Every donation brings us closer to our target – one slate at a time.

We are **BOLD**
We are **STRONG**
We are **THE GUILD**



How quickly the summer has flown! We now find ourselves heading towards the start of our 2016-17 Session.

Our first meeting will take place on Tuesday 27th September at 2.30p.m. in the Church hall, where we hope to welcome members both old and new. We have invited our Minister, the Rev. Stephen Smith, to open our Session by sharing with us his thoughts on this year's Guild Theme - "Go in Joy". Following on from this meeting we have arranged a varied programme of speakers and events, including a slide show given by Mr. Douglas Keith entitled "Holidays in the South of France", a talk entitled "Our time on the Sunday Post" with Jill Scott and Bill Hicks and a musical afternoon with a difference when the Rev. Jonathan Fleming from Erskine Parish Church will take us on a lively "Journey through the Psalms".

A reminder that our annual Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 17th September in the Church hall from 10.00 - 12.00. Tickets, priced Adults £2.50, children go free, can be had from Guild committee members or at the door. Please do come along and join us for coffee and a chat.

So what else does the Guild do other than the above?

Every three years there is a themed cycle of work which has seen its members all over Scotland reach record levels of giving, even in these strained economic times. The focus of the Guild's work is to be BOLD and STRONG in our communities, nation and world, both in sharing our faith and resources, and doing everything in our power to bring about positive change. Already the six projects for 2015 – 2018 have raised nearly a quarter of a million pounds.

A copy of our Syllabus giving full details of our meetings can be found on the Guild notice board in the hall. Our meetings are open to both men and women, so please come along. You will be made most welcome and there is always time at the end for tea and a chat.



MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP

We meet each Wednesday commencing again on 14th September – in the small hall.



Anyone can come along – tea/coffee/chat from 10.30 a.m. onwards and then At 11 a.m. there is a short, informal service.

It gives a space in the middle of the week to reflect – be still – and the Fellowship part is very much alive with us.

Come and give it a try. A warm welcome awaits you.

For any more information contact:

Margaret Christine ☎ 01505 346118

Joan MacKinnon ☎ 01505 352491



Many thanks to all of you who contribute to the Food Bank so regularly. They do really appreciate it. Having returned from making a delivery to the Foodbank they were saying that the items they are really short of at the moment are sugar, jam, pasta sauce and milk.

BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL



We are participating once again in this worthwhile appeal, “Give Hope to Someone in Need this Christmas”. Leaflets will be available in September or by contacting Jenifer-703786 and the filled boxes should be returned by the end of October. If you are unable to fill a box, you can give a donation or hand in goods to the hall to be put in boxes. We are a very generous congregation and this appeal has always been very well supported.

CHURCH OPEN DAYS

Thanks to all the volunteers who showed visitors round the church during the summer months.



HILLWALKING CLUB

The Ratagan Hostel outing in June was a great success. Fourteen folk arrived on the Friday night to walk a selection of walks, including a Graham in Glen Elg, a Graham from Iron Lodge, and several Munros in Glen Shiel and Skye over the weekend. The weather was perfect for walking.

This was not the case for the July walk. It was so horrible that both the Munro expedition and the Corbett climb were cancelled before leaving the Steeple for Glencoe. This turned out to be a great decision as the weather got worse and worse as the day went on!

An early start for the Munro baggers in August saw eight of them in Glen Nevis at 10.00am ready to climb the monster Munros of Aonach Beag and Aonach Mor. They were lucky in that the day stayed dry apart from one heavy shower and the views they had from the bealach between the hills was second to none. Well worth the early start!

There is a slight change in the syllabus for the walk on September 10. The destination is now the Graham of Craginaw (GR 459833 on OS Sheet 77) from the lovely Glen Trool. The most southerly Munro Ben Lomond is the target for October while Stob an Eas from Hell's Glen – a Graham above the Rest and Be Thankful - is scheduled for November.

Margaret Beattie

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding paperwork has now been dealt with and both old East and West registers merged. My thanks to Anne Whyte for her help in completing this.

We are now in the position of having five extra volunteers to call on to help Linda and Ros with the Sunday School. It is hoped to form a rota of helpers to call on on Sundays and also to help out during holiday periods.

We would be pleased to hear from anyone else who would like to volunteer to help out on an occasional basis.

Elizabeth Dunn, (Safeguarding Coordinator)

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Church was a beautiful picture
In red, green and gold gaily dressed,
With fruits of the earth and the orchard,
And flowers of the field at their best.
Everyone brought along something,
Nobody seemed to forget,
A turnip, some beetroot, a marrow,
While a child brought wild mignonette.

Jars of red jam graced a table,
Along with sweet roses of white.
Chrysanthemums stood on the altar,
Completing the glorious right.
Then just as the service was starting,
A little boy rushed through the door
Bearing a large bowl of water
Which he lovingly placed on the floor.

Eyebrows were raised, and the vicar,
From the pulpit slowly stepped down,
“Why had you brought in the water?”
He asked, while his face wore a frown.
“I have brought in the bowl”, said the youngster,
“Because without raindrops that fall,
The flowers and the fruit would to grow, sir,
There would be no Thanksgiving at all”.

The vicar returned to the pulpit,
The notes for his sermon he tore.
“This child has just said it all for me,
In words little more than a score.
So friends, let us kneel for a moment,
Giving thanks for the life-giving rain,
And remember God’s bowl full of water,
Without it, our work is in vain”.



TOTS' CLUB

The club resumed on Monday 29th August and operates every Monday from 9.15-11.30. We were fortunate to receive a grant of £200 from Renfrewshire Council and £100 from the Paisley Express Wish Campaign, which will be used to upgrade some toys and purchase new mugs for the adults!! Thanks to all who collected vouchers for us from the Paisley Express. Come along and enjoy your coffee with us any Monday-September 26th is a holiday. If you feel you would like to help, even occasionally, please speak to any of the helpers: Christine Erwin, Cathy Millar, Margaret Allan, Fiona Stewart, Judith Ansell, Jenifer Pitchers, Malcolm MacAskill, Elizabeth and Fulton Dunn, Rosie and John Picken, Ian and Alison Keith, Janet and Bobby Stevenson.

Kilbarchan Parish Church

presents

LADIES EVENING

Tuesday 15th November

7.30pm - church hall.

Speaker from 'Oh Sew Tartan'
with a gift stall

Cards and gifts by the Prince
and Princess of Wales
Hospice Shop

Donation ticket £3, includes
coffee and home baking

Kilbarchan Parish Church

Raise the Roof Appeal

presents

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON

Sunday 11th December

2.00pm - church hall.

Entertainment by St James'
Handbell Ringers and
Kilbarchan Village voices

Donation ticket £5, which
includes mulled wine/coffee
with mince pies and shortbread

*GOD LOVES YOU SO MUCH THAT HE'LL ACCEPT YOU
JUST THE WAY YOU ARE - BUT HE LOVES YOU
TOO MUCH TO LEAVE YOU THAT WAY.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We look forward to welcoming the children back to Sunday School on Sunday 4th September and to finding out what they all did during the holidays. This session is always an exciting one as we celebrate Harvest and Christmas and choose the Nativity presentation to share with the congregation.

We would also like to thank all who have volunteered to help on a rotational basis, as this is greatly appreciated.

Ros & Linda



COUNTRY DANCING

The Country Dancing will start on Tuesday 13th Sept at 7.30pm-9.30pm in the Church Hall. Any new members will be made welcome.

Helen

Christine Dale is appealing for oddments of wool which she crochets into blankets for refugees and for Mary's Meals.

FAIRTRADE

Kilbarchan Parish Church now has Fairtrade status. Thank you to everybody who helped with this effort. Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers.



It's about supporting the development of thriving farming and worker communities that have more control over their futures and protecting the environment in which they live and work.

Fairtrade coffee, tea and sugar are used every Sunday after the service and Fairtrade products are available in our local Co-op and at the Rainbow Turtle shop in Paisley.

It is also worth checking out the Traidcraft web page for cards and gifts.

Thank you again for your support.

Moir Stark



Our preparation is complete and an enthusiastic bunch of volunteers have all come together to get this new venture started. Our first two dates are Saturday 17th September and Saturday 15th October between 4.00 and 6.00pm. There will be crafts, games, stories and songs and at the end we all sit down and eat together. Children should

look out for the fliers being put out in school and when they come along they must bring an adult with them.

Joan MacKinnon

DRAMA GROUP



Hi you drama lovers, the Drama Group has now started preparing for the November production on Thurs 24th, Friday 25th and Saturday 26th.

It is a comedy farce entitled "The Even Greater Escape" by Joseph Bailey. The play centres round residents of a residential home, some of which fancy themselves to be Steve McQueen and Donald Pleasance. So you can use your imagination to work out what the play is about!

We will have some new additions to the cast this year so please come along and give us your support as you always do.

Alan Fulton, Treasurer

SENIOR CHOIR

Rehearsals have now started on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in the church and on Sunday mornings at 10am for leading worship on Sundays and now working towards the service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Christmas. If you are interested in joining the choir, please speak to Ian Trushell, the organist, any Sunday after the service.



PRESBYTERY PATTTER

Snippets from the June meeting of Greenock and Paisley Presbytery

Permission has been granted to Renfrew North Church to call a minister without restriction, and Bridge of Weir: St Machar's Ranfurly Church to call a Minister on a Basis of Reviewable Charge as per the amended Presbytery plan.

Grants were approved from the from the Cargill Bequest Fund to the Erskine congregation to assist with the cost of their roof repairs and the Neilston congregation to assist with the cost of their repairs and improvements. The amount will be confirmed once the detailed cost is known.

A grant of £275 from the Oakshaw East Mission Fund to Kilbarchan Parish Church, to enable the start-up of Messy Church was agreed.

Rev Donald Campbell is intending to demit his charge at Houston & Killellan Kirk from the 31st October 2016.

In conjunction with Hamilton Presbytery, training of new Worship Leaders will be offered in September 2016 and encourages interested parties to contact the Presbytery office in the first instance.

The Guild's action plan was commended, prays God's blessing upon their endeavours as they seek to reinvigorate the life of this vital institution; and encourages Ministers and Kirk Sessions to consider how they can resource their Guild more effectively.

A report from the Chair of the West Renfrewshire Youth Trust, on the positive impact on the Trust's work of increased contributions from congregations, made possible by reductions in M&M allocations, through the Mission Support Fund.

A SHORT COURSE IN HUMAN RELATIONS

The six most important words:	<i>"I admit I made a mistake!"</i>
The five most important words:	<i>"You did a good job!"</i>
The four most important words:	<i>"What is your opinion?"</i>
The three most important words:	<i>"If you please!"</i>
The two most important words:	<i>"Thank you!"</i>
The one most important word:	<i>"We!"</i>
The least most important word	<i>"I!"</i>

See everything. Overlook a great deal. Improve a little.

Kids Korner

I seem to be
able to resist
everything but
temptation...



when you bring
your gift to
God...

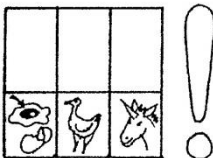
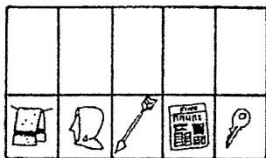
and then
remember you
are angry with
your brother...

leave your
gift at the
altar...

go
and
make it
up with
your brother...

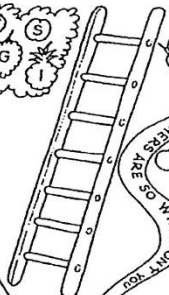
and
then come
and offer
your
gift!

Harvest is a good
time to say
a great BIG:



LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

Colour in the dotted
spaces to see how we
can resist temptation



Adam and
Eve were
tempted

And did they
give in!



THE WOODSIDE FIRST AID POST DISASTER

On the afternoon of Sunday 8 May Margaret and I attended the 75th Anniversary Service of the Woodside First Aid Post Disaster. The service was held in the Remembrance Garden of Woodside Cemetery and was conducted by Rev George Prentice, Minister Emeritus of Martyrs Church, Paisley.

During the Second World War, Paisley was largely unaffected by bombing by the German Air Force, until the evening of 14 March 1941 when the Clydebank Blitz had taken place.

However on 6 May 1941 Paisley First Aid Post No 5 (West) was targeted, whether intentionally or not, with tragic consequences. Ninety two personnel died as a result and instead of it being a place to render aid, the Post became a place of terrible tragedy; made all the worse by the fact that all who died were volunteers.

It is surely appropriate that we continue to remember the sacrifices made by others on our behalf.

Much of the work done to commemorate this event is due to the tireless efforts of George Prentice who deserves our grateful thanks. At the recent service, Renfrewshire Council was represented by Provost Anne Hall and attended by many relatives of the victims in addition to representatives of the many organisations affected by the tragedy.

A memorial cairn is situated in Hawkhead Cemetery in addition to the one at Woodside. They are well worth a visit.

Willie Beattie

One-liners on Christianity

- The best vitamin for a Christian is B 1.
- Under the same management for over 2000 years.
- Soul food served here.
- Don't give up on yourself. Even Moses was once a basket case.
- Satan subtracts and divides. God multiplies and multiplies.
- Was Noah's wife Joan of Ark?
- Lead me not into temptation. I can find it myself.

PARISH REGISTER



MEMBERS LEAVING THE CHURCH

A certificate of transference was issued to
Mrs Veronica Whitelock, Mrs Elizabeth Andrew and Mrs Anne Whyte

DEATHS

13/06/16	Tommy Mills	(Date of death – 4 th June)
16/06/16	Jeannie Ritchie *	(Date of death – 6 th June)
17/06/16	Joyce Graham	(Date of death – 2 nd June)
24/06/16	Gabriel Wilson	(Date of death – 7 th June)
25/06/16	Margaret Gray	(Date of death – 17 th June)
08/07/16	Mary Coutts	(Date of death – 3 rd July)
02/08/16	Ina Colquhoun *	(Date of death – 24 th July)
10/08/16	Shirley Peterson	(Date of death – 3 rd August)
18/08/16	Morag Clark *	(Date of death – 5 th August)
24/08/16	Margaret Dalgleish *	(Date of death – 14 th August)
25/08/16	Nan Hamilton *	(Date of death – 16 th August)

(* denotes member)

ROLL

The Roll of Kilbarchan Parish Church now stands at 704



Dear Friends

Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers we have received over the past few months.

Your friendship, support and visits mean so much to us.

Ian and Jan Keir

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Clerk to Congregational Board - Mrs Gwen Howden - 01505 704308

WORSHIP PROGRAMME

Sunday 4 th September	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 11 th September	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 18 th September	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 25 th September	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 2 nd October	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 9 th October	11am	Morning worship and BB Enrolment
Sunday 16 th October	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 23 rd October	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 30 th October	11am	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
	2pm	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Sunday 6 th November	11am	Songs of Praise service and Baptism
Sunday 13 th November	10am	Remembrance Service at War
		Memorial
	10.45am	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 20 th November	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 27 th November	11am	Morning worship
Sunday 4 th December	11am	Morning worship

