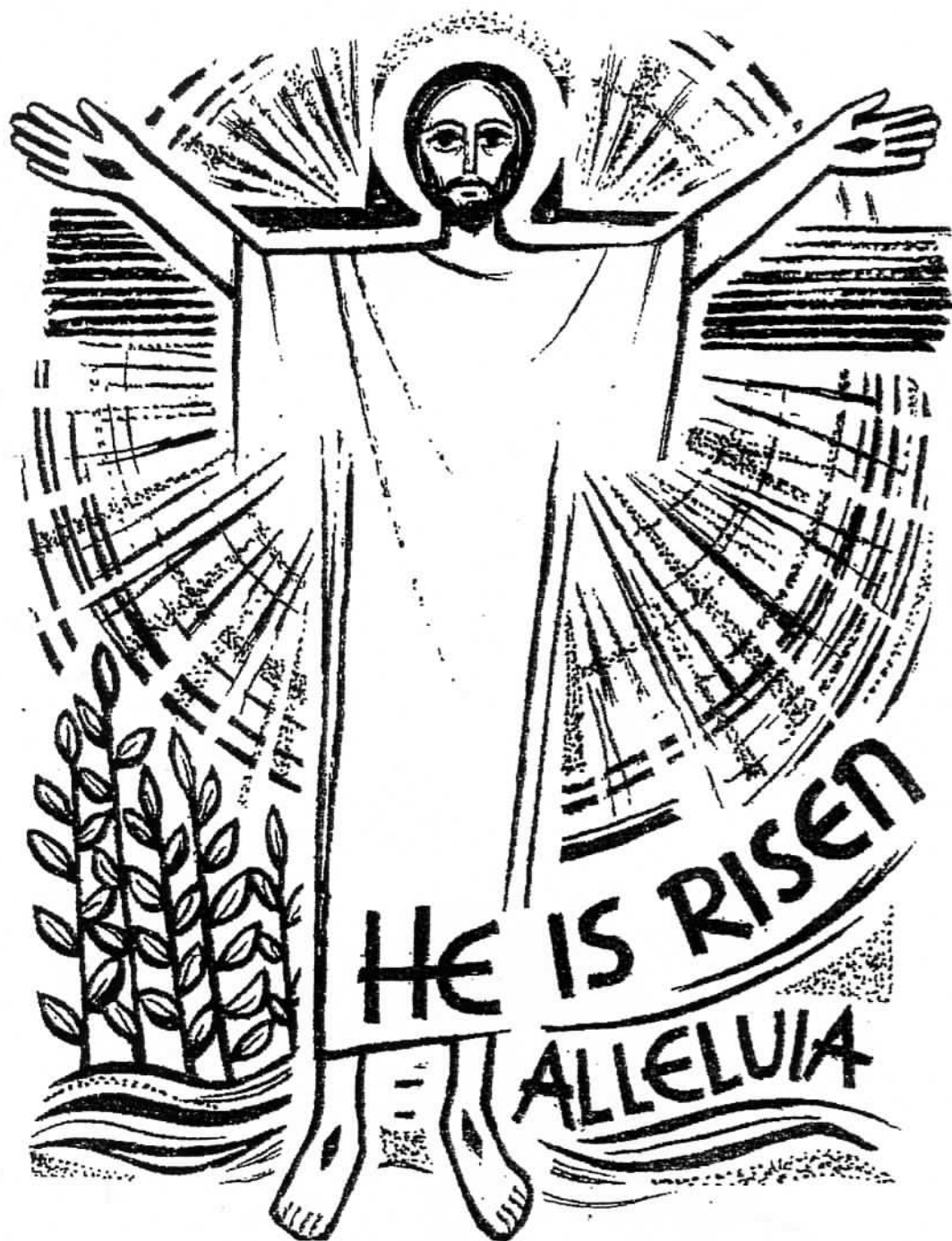


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A. F. MacKinnon. Editor

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Dear Friends.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas we went about the business of bringing the Church Roll up to date.

This was done in anticipation of the vote on the future of the East and West Churches which was scheduled to take place on the 15th of January.

This procedure is most often carried out before the election of a minister so that everyone who is entitled to vote can check that they are on the Roll.

In the event there was no vote and I have given the reasons for this, and outlined the current position, elsewhere in this issue of West Words.

I know that the cancellation of the vote caused some concern within the Congregation and probably some uncertainty.

Throughout our lives we face moments of uncertainty, moments when we can see no end in sight and wonder what on earth is going on.

The answer for Christians lies in the example of those who have gone before us, people like Moses, David, Nathanael and the rest of the disciples who were called to serve and were hesitant and uncertain.

Remember how the disciples were uncertain and afraid when Jesus was crucified?

In St Mark 16: 14 we read the following:

Last of all, Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating. He scolded them, because they did not have faith and because they were too stubborn to believe those who had seen him alive

We should trust in God and Jesus as we face big decisions in the future.

The first two lines of Hymn 51 I put it this way.

*Your hand, O God has guided
Your flock from age to age*

We should trust in God and face the future.



Arthur Sherratt



FROM THE EDITOR

It's a Leap Year and here we are leaping into yet another issue of YOUR magazine. Did any of you make the New Year Resolution that I asked you to do? You'll know the answer if you see your name below an article. Remember, it is YOUR magazine!

My apologies to Lorna Speirs for missing her out in my thank you in the last magazine. Lorna has for many years looked after the 'visitor' Christmas Cards by addressing the envelopes and mailing them to visitors from all parts of the world who came to our church in 2011.

The 'Fishy' Quiz was well received and I'm told that it was easier than last year. Judging by the number of entries (mostly correct), I think that must be the case. The sum of £249 was raised and that will go into the Magazine account which allows the purchase of consumable items. Many thanks to all who purchased a sheet and the church member who donated the prizes. The answers and winners are to be found elsewhere in the magazine.

All articles for the Summer issue of West Words should be in my hands by Sunday 20th May and for the Autumn issue on, Sunday 19th August. As always, early copy would be appreciated.

Alastair MacKinnon – Ed.



THEY MISSED HIM

THEY MISSED HIM! They were looking for a lion,
He came as a Lamb,
and they missed Him.

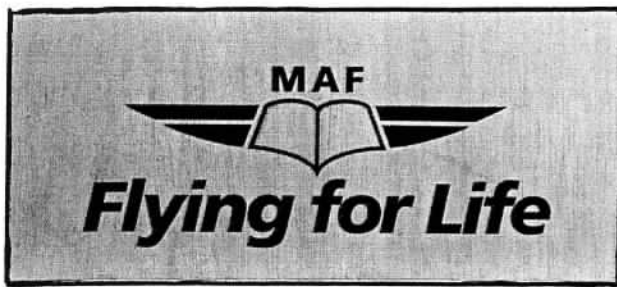
They were looking for a warrior,
He came as a Peacemaker,
and they missed Him.

They were looking for liberation from Rome,
He submitted to the Roman stake,
and they missed Him.

They were looking for a fit to their mould,
He was the mould breaker,
and they missed Him.

WILL YOU?





Happy Mother's Day

When Jovia is asked what Mother's Day means to her, she says, "It's a day to remember that my mum is there for me, and to show my appreciation for the way she's cared for me over the years. It's also an opportunity to thank

God for my mother's love, because I hadn't any in the past."

Jovia has lived in Watoto's Suubi children's village since she was eight. "I'll never forget how my mother sat with me for 24 hours a day when I had an operation on my appendix," she says.

Watoto helps vulnerable women and also orphaned children to escape poverty, abuse and hunger. Watoto's holistic programme also provides healthcare and education for those who have AIDS or HIV-positive.

MAF regularly flies team members to Gulu, northern Uganda, where Watoto has built a new children's village.

The village has a nursery, kindergarten, primary and secondary school, vocational training centre, water project, medical clinic and multipurpose hall for use as a church and as a community centre. Each Watoto family consists of a housemother who cares for eight children. Babies and children up to the age of two are cared for at Baby Watoto.

Mother Flavia, housemother to ten-year-old Esther, came to Watoto in 2005. "I thank God the children love me," she says. "Last year, they held a celebration for me on Mother's Day. They cooked food, bought soft drinks and gave me a card they'd all signed. I had such fun!"

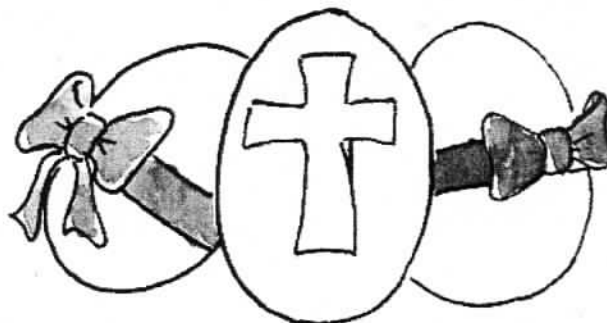
Like Jovia, Esther loves her Watoto mother. "She takes care of me and loves me lots. This Mother's Day, I want to do something really special for her. I'll also write mum a letter and wish her a wonderful day."

Like mums throughout the world, Watoto mothers play a key role in their children's lives, teaching them values and skills that will help them throughout their lives.

Thanks to the love and care of Watoto, Uganda's orphans can have a good start in life – one that will enable them to take their place as the future leaders of their country.

Gary Clayton

As seen in 'Flying for Life' – the magazine of Mission Aviation Fellowship.



PRESBYTERY PLAN

In the last Issue of West Words I said that, early in the new year, you would be asked to approve the terms of the Linkage with the East Church. However the committee in Edinburgh could not accept our proposals due to difficulties with funding for an associate minister.

This meant that we have had to fall back on our second option, which was a Deferred Union.

Under this we would agree to a Union in principle but it would not happen until I retired.

In the meantime the congregations would form a Joint Nominating Committee and call a minister who would be inducted into the East Church and when I retired he/she would then become minister of the new Kilbarchan Parish Church.

The proposal was put to our Kirk Session on the 28th of February.

After long discussion they accepted the proposal for Union but put forward some of their own proposals which will be considered by the Presbytery Committee in due course.

As ever I will keep you posted.



Arthur Sherratt



Take My Son

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire great works of art.

When the Afghanistan conflict broke out the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later just before Christmas there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir you don't know me but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly

He often talked about you, and your love for art.” The young man held out this package. “I know this isn’t much, I’m not really a great artist but I think your son would have wanted you to have this.” The father opened the package, it was a portrait of his son painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. “Oh no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me, it’s a gift.”

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected. The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered excited overseeing the great paintings and having the opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. “We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?” There was silence Then a voice in the back of the room shouted “We want to see the famous paintings, skip this one.” But the auctioneer persisted. “Will somebody bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? £200, £100?”

Another voice called angrily. “We didn’t come to see this painting, we came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!” But still the auctioneer continued. “The son! The son! Who’ll take the son?”

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the long-time gardener of the man and his son. “I’ll give £10 for the painting “ Being a poor man that was all he could afford. “We have £10, who will bid £20?” “Give it to him for £10. Let’s see the masters.” The crowd was becoming angry. They didn’t want the picture of the son, they wanted the more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded the gavel “Going once, twice, SOLD for £10!”

A man sitting on the second row shouted, “Now let’s get on with the collection!” The auctioneer laid down his gavel. “I’m sorry, the auction is over.” “What about the paintings?” “I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction I was told a secret stipulation in the will I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!”

God gave His Son over 2,000 years ago to die on the cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is:-

The Son, the Son, who’ll take the Son?

**Because you see whoever takes the Son gets everything.
For God so loved the world he gave His only begotten Son.
Who so ever believeth shall have eternal life.**

KILBARCHAN WEST PARISH CHURCH



WEST WORDS

FISHY' QUIZ - Answers



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|----|--|---------------|
| 1 | Mix chips with lard. (9) | PILCHARDS |
| 2 | Fossil fuel, What! (5) | COLEY |
| 3. | He lends at exorbitant interest. (5) | SHARK |
| 4 | A poor swimmer does this. (8) | FLOUNDER |
| 5 | A cold cup of tea. (6, 4) | ARCTIC CHAR |
| 6 | Slide on ice. (5) | SKATE |
| 7 | Name for 8 cats? (7) | OCTOPUS |
| 8 | Nipping at a communist's heels. (3, 7) | RED SNAPPER |
| 9 | Wooden joist with an R. (5) | BREAM |
| 10 | Brewery singer? (4) | BASS |
| 11 | Does this give Ella food poisoning? (6) | SALMON |
| 12 | Every day of the week but one. (10) | BARRAMUNDI |
| 13 | Yellow part of a shoe. (5, 4) | LEMON SOLE |
| 14 | English Jack's rowing boat. (4, 4) | JOHN DORY |
| 15 | Extract metal from ore. (5) | SMELT |
| 16 | Bird's resting place. (5) | PERCH |
| 17 | Deputy First Minister. (8) | STURGEON |
| 18 | Have these been on a body building course? (7) | MUSSELS |
| 19 | Javelin, halberd. (4) | PIKE |
| 20 | P with an automobile. (4) | CARP |
| 21 | Jack, who could eat no fat. (5) | SPRAT |
| 22 | Silver darlings. (7) | HERRING |
| 23 | Raw in the middle, even when cooked!! (5) | PRAWN |
| 24 | Slippery customer. (3) | EEL |
| 25 | Does this fish have 7 colours? (7, 5) | RAINBOW TROUT |

The two winners were :-

Jane Collie from Elderslie
& Moira Johnston from Johnstone.

There were 45 correct entries which was well up from last year and the sum of £249 was added to the magazine account.

Thanks for taking part and swelling the Magazine Group funds.

IS THERE A GOD?

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists."

"Why do you say that?" asked the customer.

"Well, you just have to go out into the street to realise that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering or pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all these things." The customer thought for a moment but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop.

Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barbershop again and said to the barber, "You know what? Barbers don't exist".

"How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, I am a barber and I just worked on you!"

"No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside."

"Ah, but barbers DO exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me."

"Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! That's what happens when people do not go to Him and don't look to Him for help. That's why there is so much pain and suffering in the world."

West Life COFFEE MORNING

in

Church Hall

on

Saturday 28th April 2012

10.00am – 12.00noon

Tickets from West Life Team



BOOK SALE and COFFEE MORNING

in

Johnstone Town Hall

on

Saturday 14th April 2012

£2.00

10am – 12.00noon

And That's an End To It!

There was a man who had worked all his life and saved all of his money. He was a real miser when it came to spending. He loved money more than anything, and as he was very ill, he said to his wife, "Now listen.... When I die, I want you to take all my money and put it in the coffin with me."

And so he got his wife to promise him with all of her heart that when he died, she would comply with his wish.

So, when he died, his body was laid out in the open coffin. His wife was sitting there in black, and her friend sitting next to her.

When all the words had been said and the ceremony concluded, just as the undertakers were about to close the lid, the wife said, "wait just a minute!" She brought out a box and put in the coffin next to the body. The undertakers locked down the coffin and rolled it away.

Her friend said, "My dear, I don't believe you were fool enough to put all that money in there."

She said, "Listen, I'm a Christian and I made a promise. I promised him that I would put all his money in the coffin with him."

"You mean to tell me you put every penny in the coffin?"

"I certainly did," said the wife. "I wrote him a cheque."



..... Or is it?

There was once another rich man who was near death. He was very sad because he had worked so hard all his days too. He too, loved money and he wanted to take it with him to Heaven. So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him when he died. An angel heard his plea and said to him, "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you."

The man implored the angel to speak to God to see if he might bend the rules. The man continued to pray that he might take his wealth with him. The angel reappeared and informed the man that God had decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man gathered his largest suitcase and filled it with gold bars and placed it beside his bed.

Soon afterwards the man died and arrived at the Gates of Heaven to greet St Peter. St Peter, seeing the suitcase said, "I'm sorry, you can't bring that in here!"

But the man explained to St Peter that he had permission and asked him to go and verify his story with the Lord.

Sure enough, St Peter checked and came back saying, "You're right. You're allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check it's contents before letting it through."

St Peter opened the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaimed, "You go to all that bother and you bring pavement?"

Did Jesus use a Modem?

Did Jesus use a modem at the Sermon on the Mount?
Did He ever try a broadcast fax to send his message out?
Did the disciples carry beepers as they went about their chores?
Did Jesus use a Modem as he knocked upon the doors?



Did Paul use a laptop with lots of RAM and ROM?
Were his letters posted on a BBS at Paul.Rome.Com ?
Did the man from Macedonia send an E-mail saying "Come"?
Did Paul use a laptop to tell of what he'd done?

Did Moses use a joystick at the parting of the Sea?
And a Satellite Tracking System to show him where to be?
Did he write the law on tablets or are they really on CD?
Did Moses use a joystick at the parting of the sea?

Did Jesus really die for us one day upon a tree?
Or was it just a Hologram or Technical Wizardry?
Can you download a replay to show on your PC?
Did Jesus really die for us one day upon a tree?

Have the wonders of this modern age made you question what is true?
How a single man-in a simple time could offer life anew?
How a sinless-life, a cruel death, then a glorius life again
Could offer more to a desperate world than all the gains of men?

In your life. the voice of God- is sometimes hard to hear
With other voices calling his doesn't touch your ear
Then set aside your laptop and all your fancy gear,
Open up your Bible and let your Father near.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN RHYME

1. Thou no gods shalt have but Me.
2. Before no idol bow the knee
3. Take not the name of God in vain.
4. Dare not the Sabbath Day profane.
5. Give to thy parents honour due.
6. Take heed that thou no murder do.
7. Abstain from words and deeds unclean.
8. Steal not, for thou by God art seen.
9. Tell no willful lie and love it.
10. What is thy neighbour's, do not covet.



A MOTHER'S LOVE



There are times when only a Mother's love
can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappointments
and calm all our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love
can share the joy we feel,
When something we've dreamed about
quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith
can help us on life's way,
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith
and a Mother's steadfast love,
Were fashioned by the Angels
and sent from God above.



ODE TO GRANNIES

In the dim and distant past
When life's tempo wasn't fast
Grandmas used to rock and knit
Crochet, tat and babysit
When the kids were in a jam
They could always count on Gran
In an age of gracious living
Grandma was the gal for giving
Grandma is now at the Gym
Exercising to keep slim
She's off touring with the Bunch
Or taking Clients out to lunch
Driving north to ski and curl
All her days are in a whirl
Nothing seems to stop or block her
Now that Grandma's off her rocker.



CRADLE ROLL SERVICE

This year the Cradle Roll Service will be held on Sunday 8th March, this is also Mothering Sunday. What better way for our Family Service. Please come along, you will be made most welcome.

Millport Trip - Saturday 16th June

We are having a day away to Millport on Saturday 16th June. This proved a fantastic day out in the past and hope it will be another success this year!

We will meet in the grounds of Garrison House around 12.30pm for lunch. Please bring your own packed lunch or there is a cafe within Garrison House where you can buy filled rolls/soup/home baking etc. The afternoon is then yours to do as you please - cycling round the island, walking and having an ice-cream in the famous Ritz Cafe are just a few suggestions. We will then meet up again around 5.30pm where we will have fish suppers (optional) and people can depart at their leisure.



People should arrange their own transport over to Millport in the morning but we are hoping to arrange car sharing and if you require transport on the day could you please speak to Kim Naismith (☎ 359715) or Fiona Payne (☎ 703740).

There is also a sheet in the vestibule for you to put your name down if you are interested so that we have an idea of numbers.

Fiona and Kim



PASTORAL CARE



After a successful Christmas Tea in December when the weather was kind to us for a change, we are now looking forward to planning our summer Car Run and Tea. We hope to hold this on May 27th and fingers crossed we'll get some warm sunny weather to enjoy. Details will be in the intimations nearer the time and can also be had from any of the Pastoral Team.

Don't forget a lift can be organised to any of the Church events, such as coffee mornings, if you let me know in advance.

Also if you know of someone who would like a visit, please let me know.

Aileen Hardern ☎ 702855

PVG Scheme (Protection of Vulnerable Groups)

The 2nd phase of the PVG Scheme which replaces the 'disclosure' will soon start to be implemented. This will require all persons who are currently working with children and vulnerable persons within the Church to become members of the scheme and be retrospectively checked. If you are no longer working with children, or plan not to, would you please contact me, in order that I can remove you from the list of over 60 people who I currently have registered.

If you have not been disclosure checked and will be in contact with children or vulnerable persons, please contact me as soon as possible so that the checking procedure for new applicants can be completed prior to Phase 2 implementation.

Thank you.

Gill Scott (Safeguarding Co-ordinator)



CHRISTIAN AID

The next Book Sale and Coffee Morning will be on Saturday, April 14th in Johnstone Town Hall from 10.00am to 12.00noon.

This will be the last Book Sale and all books etc. must go, so any charity which can make use of what is left may pick them up at the end of the sale or make arrangements to collect them later by phoning 015050702729.

Grateful thanks are extended to all who have helped at these events over the past 30 years.

Christian Aid Week is from May 13th to 19th Could all regular collectors please let Christine know if they will be available to help again this year; and of course, new volunteers are always welcome.

I'm still looking for someone a bit younger to help with the organising of C.A. Week with a view of taking over eventually.

Spectacles, mobile phones and ink-jet cartridges (not Epsom) are always required and may be handed in at any time.

Christine Dale

All Our Yesterdays



50 Years ago-May 1952

The Bible Class, — A membership of 50 in its 11 year of its life speaks well for the Bible Class, and at its closing meeting in March special certificates for completing the full 5 years' course were given, along with a handsome Bible, to Agnes Douglas, Anne Meikle, Betty Clark, Gordon Barr, Alec Lightbody, Jim Lyle and Jim Moore. Sam Teer received his award a few week before the close of the session on joining the R.A.F.

Of these 8 members Jim Lyle had an attendance over the 5 years of 90%; Anne Meikle 87% and Alec Lightbody 84%

40 years ago— May 1972

Negotiations for Union.

At the request of the Union and Readjustment Committee of Paisley Presbytery, seven representatives from our kirk session held several meetings with a similar number from the East church to discuss the possibility of uniting the churches in our village.

These meetings, however, proved unavailing and, eventually, our representatives were asked to withdraw from further discussions by the chairman, Rev. William Henny.

This does not preclude future discussion on the same topic, according to local circumstances.

25 years ago— May 1987

Church Choir

At the time of writing, choir practices have just come to an end for what has been a very successful season. We have sung an anthem almost every Sunday since September, and some have been quite tricky, but the choir has enjoyed learning them, and we hope the congregation has been uplifted by hearing them.

It would help the choir a great deal, however, if we had a few more members in all sections, but particularly in altos.

Come along and join us in September— Thursdays at 7.45 in the vestry. Don't worry if you don't read music — we learn sufficiently slowly to cope with that!

Tom Ferguson

10 Years ago- Spring 2002 (issue 31)

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is traditionally the 4th Sunday in lent. Initially, it was set aside as the day when people returned in their "Mother" church, though it soon became a family day as well as a religious one because it was common for apprentices to visit their own village on this day and take presents to their mothers. Mothering Sunday was also the a traditional time for proposals of marriage probably because the young man returning home had the opportunity to propose to a childhood sweetheart or because it was the time when young men could bring their new loves home to meet the family.

Later, it was the custom to give daffodils to mothers and grandmothers as a token of love and gratitude and in 1907 Anna Jarvis, an American from Philadelphia, started Mother's Day to encourage everyone to give presents to their mothers and treat them to a day of rest and enjoyment.

. . . . All Our Yesterdays

West Life our FUNdraising and Social Team

The Team has several events planned for the coming months:-

Sunday 19th. February Coffee and pancakes will be served after Church replacing the usual Tuesday Pancake Evening. This event will have taken place by the time this edition is distributed.

Saturday 17th. March An Old Fashioned Afternoon Tea to be held in Brookfield Village Hall starting at 2p.m. Not only will Afternoon Tea be served by the Team but there will also be a glass of fizz on arrival. Tickets priced £7 are currently available from any member of the Team.

Saturday 28th. April Spring Coffee Morning in the Church Hall between 10a.m. and 12 Noon.

Saturday 2nd. June Lilies Day. As everyone knows this is one of our major fundraising events and your assistance and support for this event will be much appreciated.

Saturday 23rd. June Strawberry Tea in the Manse.

The Burns Supper held in the Masonic Hall on 4th. February was once again very enjoyable, raising £839. Tom Nixon (Immortal Memory), Ken Dalgeish (Toast to the Lassies) and Ann McLeod (Reply on behalf of the Lassies) were all very informative and witty. The recitations of Gavin Pratt were excellent as was Margaret Hill's "address to a Haggis". Tom Ferguson provided the music and Arthur ensured the evening ran smoothly and gave the vote of thanks at the end – all in all a very good evening.

For those who have not already heard, the Cash 4 Clothes initiative at the end of last year raised £166 and the Christmas Coffee Morning (including Susan's Christmas Cakes), £855.

Last year, Produce Stalls were held every month. This year, the intention is to hold Stalls approximately every 6 weeks. Already this year, there have been two Stalls. The dates of future Stalls are:-

18th. March

28th. April

27th. May and

24th. June

Some members of the Congregation regularly provide baking and the like to the Stalls but the Team would welcome the help of other members. It is not necessary to provide baking etc. every time a Stall is held but if you feel that you can help on any of the above dates, please speak to any member of the Team.

As always, the Team thanks everyone who supports their events in whatever way. It would not be possible to raise these valuable funds for the Church without that help.

FIONA McINTYRE (CONVENOR)

MONEY TALK



The annual meeting of the church will be on Monday 26th March and I would encourage you to attend to hear more about the wider activities of the Church during the last year. One of the key reports is finance – how we raise funds and what the money is spent on.

2011 was a year of investment in new equipment and the refurbishment of some of our assets. We invested just short of £2,500 in a new sound system for the main church building and this has enhanced the quality of our church services. The roof and guttering system on the Church and hall continues to be a worry, particularly given the number of severe storms we seem to be experiencing in recent years. Outside of any insurance claim we incurred just short of £2900 in expenses for roof and gutter repairs and in particular the cost of the theft of lead from the hall roof which was not covered by insurance.

On a brighter note, the upgrade work on the hall was completed and this included new panelling and painting, costing just over £4,000.

These were the main items of expenditure on our infrastructure account and it is clear that we need to think about the on-going cost of maintaining the church when deciding how much to give in our offerings.

There is much to celebrate from the fact that we continue to break even on an annual basis. Positive funds brought forward from earlier years offset any minor shortfall in income however this situation will not last and it is incumbent on all of us to review our givings on a regular basis. Please do make every attempt to come to the annual meeting to hear a bit more about the work of Kilbarchan West Church in the community.

Ken Dalglish
Treasurer

GROUNDS

Because of wet it conditions has been virtually impossible to work on the Grounds!

5 trees have been removed to assist maintenance of the buildings.

Unfortunately one of the stained Glass Windows at the back of the Church was damaged. Renfrew District Council have accepted full liability for the restoration but it is an awkward and complicated job and probably best left to the Summer.

Another donation of £10.00 has been received with thanks.

Regarding anything else I am keeping my powder dry to report at the AGM.

T.R.Irvine

Grounds Convenor





1st Kilbarchan Boys' Brigade

WHOLE COMPANY

The whole Company enjoyed a traditional Burns Supper on Friday 27th January, with the haggis being piped in by our own Queens Man Derek Thomson and some entertaining recitals and songs were performed by our boys, we also had Bobby on his banjo. We had the usual haggis neeps and tatties washed down with lots of Irn Bru.

The Whole Company Annual Inspection and Display will be on Friday 11th May in the East Church Halls at 7.30pm.

The Juniors and Company Section Boys enjoyed a night at the Ice Hockey on Friday 2nd March, watching the Braehead Clan play the Cardiff Devils, the game was shown live on Sky Sports.

Juniors and Company boys are looking forward to the Annual Summer Camp at the Well Road Centre, Moffat on Friday 15th June to Sunday 17th June.

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COMPANY SECTION

On Sunday 5th February Lewis McArthur, Jack McAllister and Johnny Ferguson attended a Leadership course, this was part of the Presidents Badge work, this should see them receive the second highest award the Boys' Brigade can give.

We also have Nick Love, Ross Ogilvie and Shawn Jardine-Malone working towards the Queens Badge. They will attend the Completion Course at BB Scotland's HQ at Carronvale on 24th & 25^h March. On Friday 24th February until Saturday 25th we held our all night games night to make money for the Company, this was a great night of games and food, but no sleep.

W.C.Speirs

JUNIOR SECTION

At the moment we are busy preparing for Battalion competitions, The swimming gala proved to be successful and at the same time unsuccessful, we had only one boy turn up for a team of 4, Ewan Macdonald who won a gold medal for finishing first in the Junior final and also swam as part of another Relay team who were short on numbers and finished 1st in the relay final also. Unfortunately we don't get any points to count towards battalion competitions because we didn't have a full team.

We have been rehearsing our figure marching routine every night to try and perfect it in time for the competition.

We had a Joint Burns supper with the Company Section, and some traditional Burns recitations and some not so traditional but all very entertaining.

We went to see an ice hockey game at Braehead on 2nd March and our display this year is a little earlier, May 11th and will be a joint affair involving all 3 sections.

O.I.C Alan McCulloch

ANCHOR BOYS

Recently the Anchor Boys celebrated Chinese New Year, when Moira, Mary and Willie organised a fun night of activities which included games and crafts, a Chinese Lion and fortune cookies. A great themed night which all the Anchor Boys really enjoyed! A week later the Anchor Boys were invited by the Company Section to their Burns' night where many Anchor Boys experience a Burns' Supper for the very first time. The boys were entertained by stories, poems and songs, as well as jokes and games. Another great night at The Boys' Brigade!

Coming up is Anchor Boy day on Saturday 17th March when the boys will travel to Lylesland Church in Paisley for an afternoon of activities along with many Anchor Boys from all over Paisley and Renfrewshire. For many Anchor Boys it will be the first time they have travelled without their parents, so it will be a new experience and adventure for them.

Over the next few months the Anchor Boys will continue to enjoy various theme nights as well as preparing for our Annual Display and Inspection along with the Junior Section.

C'mon the BB!

Bobby Stevenson



A HEBRIDEAN TALE

Once upon a time there was a man called Ben Becula who was much Harrised lest he might Lewis his life. So he took a cocktail of Eigg and Rhum, though it seemed Eriskay drink, especially as he wasn't Uist to it.

Shortly afterwards he said "Iona feel a little Tired" and he knew he Shona swallowed the Muck, so he said "Islay me down to enJura little peace

Later he was heard to Colonsay "I hear my final Coil" So his soul went to Skye and they took his body in a Barra

As for his poor wife she Canna believe it, and it is a wonder the shock has St Kilda.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD



Another Guild session is almost coming to an end. We have had a very varied programme, with talks and presentations on Kilbarchan, Robert Burns and Adams House. We also welcomed other Guilds in the area to an entertaining evening with the group 'Melody Box'. Our last two meetings are on the 5th and 19th of March. On the 5th, our speaker, Jean Tait, is a tour guide (tips for holidays maybe?) and our Daffodil Tea and AGM takes place on the 19th when Alison Bone and Gill Scott will be entertaining us with songs from the shows.

Our bus run this year is on Wednesday 23rd May when we will visit the Antique Centre at Doune and then on to Callander. A soup & sandwich lunch at Doune is included this year as well as high tea at the Old Bank Restaurant in Callander. There are still a few seats available and if anyone is interested please speak to me on a Sunday or phone me on 352491. The price is £30.00. We can only hope that the weather is kind to us on that day.

Joan MacKinnon,
Secretary.

Guild Projects

Nearly three million pounds have been raised over recent years by Guilds in support of a range of projects. The current fundraising totals for these projects are shown below.

September 2009 – January 2012

CrossReach – On the other side (Scotland) £136,887.54
HIV Programme – A New Hunger (various countries) £86,570.94
International Justice mission – Terrify No More (Cambodia) £137,976.18
Ministries Council – A Place for Hope (UK) 373,887.37
Mission Aviation Fellowship – Mission Run (Madagascar) £117,020.50
World Mission – Interfaith Support (Israel/Palestine) £71,431.42
Total £ 623,773.95



When the minister asked the perspiring bridegroom, "Do you take this woman to be your lawful wedded wife, for better for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in....." The bride interrupted him and said, "You know you're going to talk him right out of it !"



Crèche Rota



MARCH

- 4th Tracey O'Hare
Ellen Osborne
- 11th Helen Robertson
Caroline Bain
- 18th **NO CRECHE**
**Family Service/
Mother's Day**
- 25th Jane Coventry
Isabel Connell

APRIL

- 1st Lesley Dickie
Irene McMaster
- 8th Christine McLeod
Anne Arthur
- 15th Anne McLeod
Angela Murray
- 22nd Fiona Payne
Evelyn Connell
- 29th Janice Douglas
Betty Cameron

MAY

- 6th Frank Deas
Ann Craig
- 13th Lisa Moore
Julie Johnston
- 20th May Whyte
Anne McMurray
- 27th Mairi McLean
Tracey O'Hare

JUNE

- 3rd Ellen Osborne
Helen Robertson
- 10th **NO CRECHE**
Prize Giving
- 17th Caroline Bain
Jane Coventry
- 24th Isabel Connell
Lesley Dickie



If your date doesn't suit you please either change with someone else on the list or phone me.

Joan ☎ 352491



Thank You

Robert and Rosemary Clark wish to thank the members of the congregation for their prayers, cards and continuing concern shown in the recent loss of their son-in-law, Neil.

Special thanks to Arthur and Susan, Kirk Session, members of the Guild and friends for their attendance at the Memorial Service.

JUNIOR CHURCH



With Christmas well and truly over, we at the Junior Church have continued learning about Jesus and God through new text books that we purchased at the start of January. I am sure many of the parents/ grandparents will have noticed the brightly coloured pages returning home with the children after Junior Church. The children have really taken to the books as are the teachers. It is pleasing to see all the busy hands and minds working away when the lesson is finished and the crafts begin.

By the time you read this article, we will have just held our annual Sunshine Morning, and this was a great success as usual. The sun did really shine brightly for us on the morning, it was snowing in the afternoon but the sun did come out again later on. We raised a massive £475.63 through the generous donations for the stall and ticket sales on the day. The raffle prizes, guess the ducks birthday and guess the weight of the cake are old favourites but are good fun and help towards the fund raising. A personal thank you to the teachers who always give their time and to Rebecca Coventry, Sarah Henderson and Mackenzie Cunningham who did so well in assisting myself and the teachers. Big thank you to all who support the Junior Church and who turned out on the morning and to all who gave such generous donations.

Next on the Junior Church calendar is Mother's Day and Easter, here are the dates for your diaries.

Mother's Day is on Sunday 18th March followed by Easter Sunday 8th April. Before we even blink we will be thinking about Lilies Day, this year is on Saturday 2nd June, more details will be given out nearer the date. The Garden Party will be on Sunday 3rd June. The final day of the session for the Junior Church is the prize giving which is on Sunday 10th June 2012.



We at the Junior Church welcome any new friends between 3yrs and 10 yrs at anytime throughout the year from 10.45am to 12.00pm any Sunday.

Margaret Woodcock
Junior Church Leader

FEWsion

We have been to 10 pin bowling golf at AMF Glasgow with the older ones in the Junior Church, hopefully this will encourage them to come to FEWsion when it is time for them to move up.

FEWsion is for anyone from P7 upwards and we would like to see our numbers grow as we have not had any promotions from the Junior Church for the last 2 years, it would be good if we had some additions to the current crew, the more bodies that come the more fun we can have.

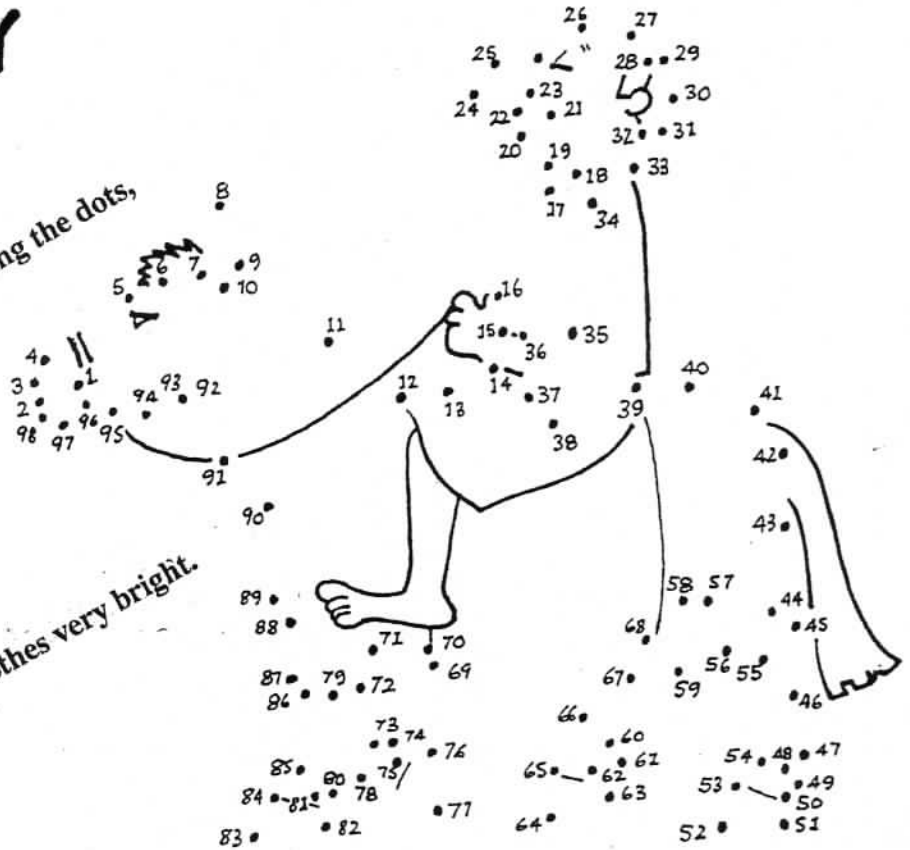
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children's corner

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and then colour it.

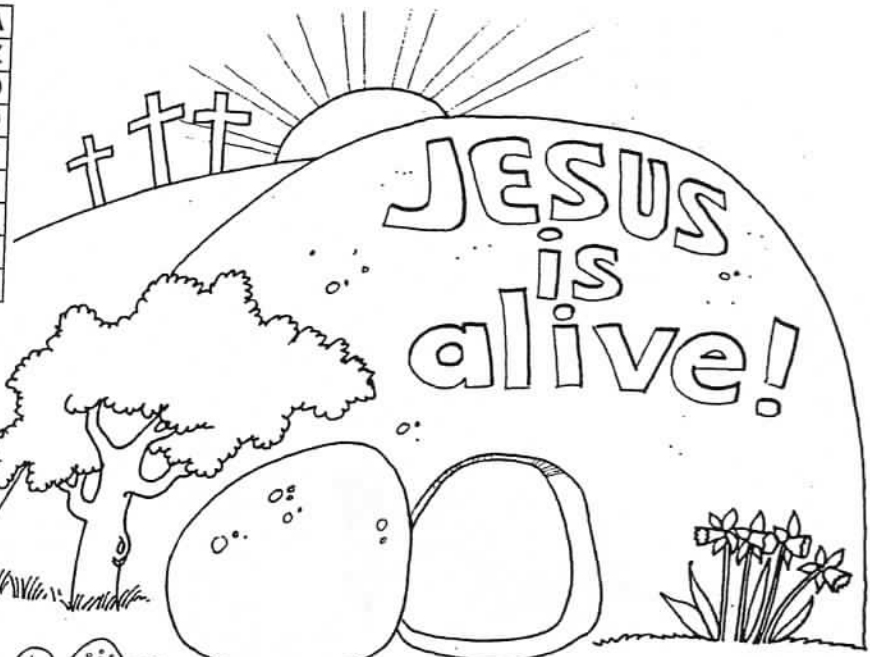
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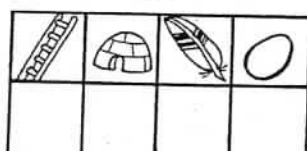
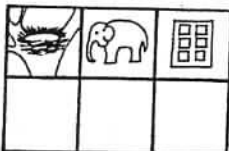
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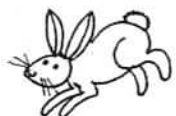
Very EARLY on SUNDAY morning the WOMEN went to the TOMB. They FOUND the huge STONE had been ROLLED AWAY. An ANGEL told them that JESUS was no longer DEAD. He was ALIVE!



So we give each other as a sign of



HAPPY EASTER





FLOWER GUILD



Gifted By	Date	Delivered By
Mrs N Lang	March 4 th	Mrs C Crabbe Miss H Robertson
Mrs L Meneely	11 th	Mrs P Hardern Mrs V Whitelock
Mrs G Gardner	18 th	Mrs E Gilchrist Mrs M Jamieson
Mrs D Kane	25 th	Mrs K Dale Mrs W Osborne
Mrs M McIntyre	April 1 st	Mrs A MacKinnon Mrs E Kennedy
Mrs R Campbell	8 th	Mrs R Borland Mrs L Cunningham
Mrs C Crabbe	15 th	Mrs M Morning Mrs C Florence
Mrs L McIntyre	22 nd	Mrs C Crabbe Miss H Robertson
Mrs T R Irvine	29 th	Mrs P Hardern Mrs V Whitelock
Mrs H McCaig	May 6 th	Mrs E Gilchrist Mrs M Jamieson
Mrs I Challenor	13 th	Mrs K Dale Mrs W Osborne
Mrs P Hardern	20 th	Mrs A MacKinnon Mrs E Kennedy
Mrs E Andrew	27 th	Mrs R Borland Mrs L Cunningham
Mrs P Pettigrew	June 3 rd	Mrs M Morning Mrs C Florence



January/July

John Lyle
Ken Dalglish
Ken Dale
Anne Syme
Yvonne Kane
Rhona Borland
Charlotte Logan

February/August

Peter Pettigrew
David Henderson
Ian Lafferty
Anne McCallum
Christine Pettigrew
Gill Scott
Isabel Connell

March/September

Helen Robertson
Ray Campbell
Christine Dale
June McLaughlin
Ann McLeod
Sandy Reid
Charlie Wighton

April/October

Bill Parrott
Douglas Brown
Robert Clark
Catherine Connell
Margaret Jamieson
Marjory Love
William Osborne

May/November

Robert Logan
Robert Booth
Ann Craig
Ron Irvine
Margaret McIntyre
Jack Miller
Roger Miller
John Fleming

June/December

Agnes Higgin
Caroline Bain
Evelyn Gilchrist
Sandy Graham
Les McLaughlin
Jim Shaw
Susan Sherratt

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Mar 4th Isobel Crabbe
Ishbel Challenor
11th Catherine Connell/Jean
Meikle/Ethel Hamilton
18th Marjory Love
Rosemary Clark
25th Rena Young
June McLaughlin

Apr 1st May White
Margaret Lamb
8th June Barrett
Angela Murray
15th Moira McDonald
Marjory Love
22nd Margaret Jamieson
Mairi McLean
29th Christine Pettigrew
Margaret Lamb

May 6th Margaret McIntyre
June McLaughlin
13th Communion
20th Anne McCallum
June McLaughlin
27th Rona Borland
Anne Syme
Jun 3rd Aileen Hardern
Marianne Morning

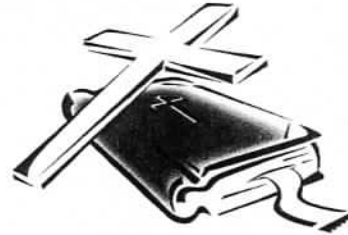


Parish Register

Deaths

(* Denotes Member)

27/11/11 Mrs. May Magowan *
17/12/11 Mr. William Rattray
26/12/11 Mr. Ian McDougall *
03/01/12 Mrs. Freda Lockie *
03/01/12 Mrs. Helen Preece *
04/01/12 Mr. Hugh McDonald *



Baptism

12/02/12 Sophie Jane, daughter of Tom and Alexis Alexander
19/02/12 Conor Maxwell, son of Maxwell and Alison Armstrong



Members joining our Congregation

By Certificate

Mr Neil Coventry from Freeland Church, Bridge of Weir.

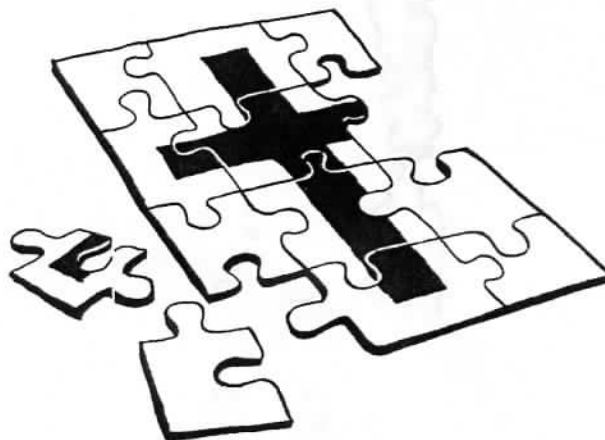


The Congregational Meeting is on Monday 26th March 2012 in the hall at 7.30pm when the Financial Report of the Church and Organisations will be available.

WORSHIP PROGRAMME

MARCH 2012 TO JUNE 2012

March	04	11 am Morning Worship <i>Informal communion</i>	
March	11	11 am Morning Worship	
March	18	11 am Morning Worship <i>Mothering Sunday & Cradle Roll</i>	
March	25	11 am Morning Worship	
April	01	11 am Morning Worship <i>Informal Communion</i>	Palm Sunday
<u>Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th Holy Week Services at 7pm, Communion on Maundy Thursday</u>			
Apr	06	7 pm Service in <i>West Church</i>	Good Friday
Apr	08	8-30 am Service at the Weaver's Cottage 11 am Morning Worship	Easter Sunday
April	15	11 am Morning Worship	
April	22	11 am Morning Worship	
April	29	11 am Morning Worship	
May	06	11 am Morning Worship	
May	13	11 am Morning Worship Communion at 11 am and 2 pm	Communion
May	20	11 am Morning Worship	
May	27	11 am Morning Worship	
June	03	11 am Morning Worship <i>Informal Communion</i>	
June	10	11 am Morning Worship Junior Church Prize Giving	
June	17	11 am Morning Worship	
June	24	11 am Morning Worship	



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