



MUSIC MAKERS

MUSIC MAKERS is a new group for primary school children.

Run in blocks of 4 weeks at a time and meeting on Saturday mornings from 10am to 10.45am it's completely free to join.

If you enjoy singing then this is for you! So come along and learn some new songs. The children will perform them in church for special services such as summer club launch, harvest, Christmas and Easter.

First block begins in June:

Saturday 1st - in the church hall

Saturday 8th - in the church

Saturday 22nd - in the church

Saturday 29th - in the church hall



The songs learned will be sung by the children in church on Sunday 30th June. Check our Facebook page and notice board for future dates.

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EASTER BRINGS NEW LIFE AND HOPE FOR A BUMPER SUMMER!

Dear Friends, We were all so blessed to have the opportunity to worship our Risen Saviour on such a glorious Easter morning. We take for granted our freedom to do so and often forget to fully appreciate the meaning of what Christ has done for us. But when we do, what joy is ours!

Maggie's view continues on page 3.....

PROPERTY REPORT

With the arrival of spring, the lighter nights and better weather the works carried out over the Christmas and New Year period to the hall and church grounds are clear for all to see and hopefully enjoy. The old gravel on the pathways around the church was removed and a plastic membrane laid down prior to new gravel being laid. This has very much tidied up the ground around the church.

At the same time work was carried out to re-slab the area at the front gate providing more secure footing and alleviating the long standing water problem. These works together with the erection of the new notice board has brought a more pleasing and better focus for members of the congregation and passers by alike.

Members will also have noted a great improvement in the car park. Fairly extensive work was carried out early in the new year which saw major resurfacing take place and new kerbing installed together with work on the front drain all of

which makes the car park much more user friendly and ensures we meet our health and safety requirements.

Two new handrails have recently been erected at the chancel area which will assist members when taking part in the services whether by reading, leading prayer or serving communion. In order to achieve this a new lectern light has been purchased which fits onto the lectern itself and a new boom arrangement for the microphone has also been introduced.

The next major work to be undertaken is the replacement of the boilers serving the church and office. It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain replacement parts for the existing boilers and the new boilers will prove to be more efficient over time. This work will be carried out late June / early July.

Tom Darroch
Property Convenor

The Summer Holiday Club is based on Scripture Union's TeamBuilders material and will run from **Monday 1 July until Friday 5 July 2019 from 9.30 am till 12 noon**. The week will be full of games, crafts, drama, music, video presentations and Bible stories as the children learn about the value of teamwork in life and discover how to be part of Jesus' team. It will also link into the Rugby World Cup in Japan later in the year.

On Sunday 7 July there will be an all age service at 10.30am followed by a picnic in the Church Halls/Grounds depending on the weather.

The cost is £20 for the first child and £10 for each sibling. Children must be school age or be registered for primary one starting in August 2019. Registration forms can be obtained from Judy Wilson by email judy@judyfamily.plus.com or from the Church Office. Places at the Summer Club are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Closing date to register is Friday 7 June 2019 but don't leave it too late or you could be disappointed!

TEAMBUILDERS

Church Diary

JUNE

- 2** 11.00am Morning Worship - Celebration of Holy Communion
- 9** 11.00am Morning Worship
- 16** 11.00am Morning Worship
- 23** 11.00am Morning Worship
- 30** 11.00am Morning Worship - Music Makers performance

JULY

- 7** **10.30am** Morning Worship - Holiday Club Service
- 14** 10.30am All Age Summer Worship - Round the Table Communion
- 21** 10.30am All Age Summer Worship
- 28** 10.30am All Age Summer Worship

AUGUST

- 4** 10.30am All Age Summer Worship - Round the Table Communion
- 11** 10.30am All Age Summer Worship
- 18** 10.30am All Age Summer Worship
- 25** 10.30am All Age Summer Worship

SEPT

- 1** **11.00am** Morning Worship - Round the Table Communion
- 8** 11.00am Morning Worship - Service for Guild Week
- 15** 11.00am Morning Worship - Harvest Thanksgiving
- 22** 11.00am Morning Worship
- 29** 11.00am Morning Worship

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- 5** 10.00am Knitting Group 10th Anniversary Coffee Morning
- 6** 11.00am Morning Worship - Celebration of Holy Communion

Congregational Register

DEATHS

2019

Jan 1st Mr Hamish Gilchrist, 85 Brocketsbrae, Lesmahago
 Jan 13th Ms Caroline McKinney, 12 Kirkmichael Rd, Helensburgh
 Feb 17th Mrs Marion Craven, Argyle Lodge CH, Helensburgh
 Feb 22nd Baby Haylee McKinney, 1/2 460 Dumbarton Rd, Partick
 Feb 23rd Mrs Martha Pollock, 15 Buckingham Dr, Rutherglen
 Mar 18th Mr William Campbell Reid, 6 Corran Brae, Dunollie, Oban
 Mar 31st Mr Andrew Armstrong, 6 Brandon Way, Coatbridge
 Apr 25th Mr Ian King, 16 Watersedge Court, Rhu
 Apr 29th Mr Gordon Hanning, Argyle House CH, Helensburgh

BAPTISM

Mar 3rd Mirren Weir, daughter of Sean and Carla and sister of May
 May 5th Arabella Pauline Jenkins, daughter of David and Helena and sister to Iona and Lachlan
 May 5th Lachlan Nigel Jenkins, son of David and Helena, brother to Iona and Arabella

WEDDINGS

None

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs Elizabeth Campbell, 5 Kirkton Crescent, Cardross



Dear Friends (cont ...)

I am very mindful of the faithful work done by many who selflessly give of themselves to further the Kingdom of God. They do so because of what Christ has done for them. I also know that without the dedication and commitment of many people over the years our church would be diminished in spirit.

In November last year we lost our friend Alistair Stratton. A dedicated elder, Alistair served his Lord and his church well. He used his skills and faith for the benefit of others and had a real desire to care for the church in order to provide a place of worship for future generations. In January of this year we lost another good friend of Cardross church – the Rev David Munro. David worked tirelessly during the 5 year vacancy and ensured that all would be well for a continuing ministry in the parish. Both Alistair and David were men of faith, grounded in the belief that God was greater than all things – even death.

In holding them in thanksgiving before God I remember also those who have served in various roles over the years who now wish to step down and enjoy life in other ways. Thanks go to Chris Clunie for nearly thirty years of hosting the Advent and Lent House

Groups; to Katharine Ferguson who has served the Lunch Club for nearly 30 years, and to Margaret Calder who for over ten years has organised the Flower Committee.

Every church needs people willing to serve in some way or another and every role is as important as the next. It is how we carry out our duties that matters to God. We should be serving with grateful hearts, working for the same purpose, dependent on his grace and aiming for the finishing line.

If Easter tells us anything it is this: life will not always be easy and there will be times when the road ahead is dark and dreary but we remember that Christ is risen – he is risen indeed! He calls us to follow with the promise that we too will receive that glorious life – resurrection life. So in the meantime, let us never lose heart but strive to be worthy of his name and sacrifice.

As we read in Hebrews 10:23-25, ‘**Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the day of the Lord is coming near.**’

With God's richest blessings to you and yours.

Maggie



*There's lots going on
Ardaridan this summer...*

Works starts on our new Farm Park development very soon. We will be carrying out the works with the least disruption possible to our brilliant customers and community and really appreciate your patience and understanding. Thank you so much for your support. We can't wait to share Monty's Farm Park with you!



Welcoming you to church will be:

JUNE

- 2** Mrs M Brown, Mrs M Bryson, Mrs M MacNeill
9 T Davey, Mrs D Colquhoun, Miss N Gray
16 Mrs J McNeil, Mrs A Lee, Mrs C Scholarios
23 Mrs A Wood, Mrs L McKee, G Kenny
30 P Foster, Mrs R MacLachan, J Young

JULY

- 7** Mrs C Craig, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs J Fisher
14 D Paterson, Mrs M Walker, Mrs E Cormack
21 W MacLachlan, Mrs M Brown, Mrs M Bryson
28 Mrs M MacNeill, T Davey, Mrs D Colquhoun

AUGUST

- 4** Miss N Gray, Mrs J McNeil, Mrs A Lee
11 Mrs C Scholarios, Mrs A Wood, Mrs L McKee
18 G Kenny, P Foster, Mrs R MacLachlan
25 J Young, Mrs C Craig, Mrs J Wilson

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Mrs J Fisher, D Paterson, Mrs M Walker
8 Mrs E Cormack, W MacLachlan, Mrs M Brown
15 Mrs M Bryson, Mrs M MacNeill, T Davey
22 Mrs D Colquhoun, Miss N Gray, Mrs J McNeil
29 Mrs A Lee, Mrs C Scholarios, Mrs L McKee

October

- 6** Mrs A Wood, G Kenny, Mrs R MacLachlan

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND STAMP APPEAL



The Church of Scotland

STAMP APPEAL

50 YEARS

1969-2019



Join with us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of both the World Mission Council Stamp Appeal and Chigodi Women Centre (Blantyre, Malawi).



By collecting stamps we will be supporting the Chigodi Women Centre to deliver a broad range of skills training to address the challenges faced by women in Malawi. The Centre aims to improve the women's socio-economic status and increase their future chances of employment.

CAN YOU COLLECT 50 STAMPS?

- Join with us in celebrating 50 years and take part in the 50 stamp challenge.
- Download and build our fun post van collection box from the website

For more information visit: www.churchofscotland.org.uk/stamps

Return stamps by Feb 2020 to: World Mission Stamp Project, PO Box 9191, Wishaw, Lanarkshire, ML2 0YB

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Cardross Parish Church Facebook and you'll find us!



CARDROSS SCHOOL GALA DAY



The Church had a stand at the recent Cardross Primary School Gala Day. Manned by staff of Messy Church the star showed off all the activities and groups that we run for families and their children including the Summer Holiday Club, Dunny Club and the new Music Makers club. Despite the damp weather a steady stream of kids came and tried out some Messy experiments and art work during the afternoon and we hope they'll come and join our groups this summer.



BIG THANK YOU FOR AN EGG-CELLENT EFFORT!

We were able to donate 85 Fair Trade Real Easter Eggs, which come with the Easter story, to local food banks thanks to the generosity of the Congregation. They were gratefully received along with our other donations of food by the organisers of Helensburgh and Lomond Foodbank who wrote to us to say thank you for our very welcome donations and especially for the Easter eggs which provided a special treat for the children of families using the foodbank.



EASTER MORNING BLOSSOMS



A healthy crowd of around 50 early morning worshippers congregated in our Easter Garden to welcome the Risen Lord on Easter morning. They were greeted by warm sunshine and the beautiful sight of trees laden with cherry blossom, which reminds us of how life is renewed each

Spring. After our worship was finished the children took part in an Easter Egg hunt and quiz and then we all enjoyed a very welcome hot bacon roll and cuppa tea in the church hall thanks to Maureen and Sandy Walker.



ELDERS CONFERENCE - GDPR

It will not have escaped you that the modern world seems to revolve around our digital data these days. Hardly a week passes without their being a story in the media about companies having their data bases hacked and customers details potentially being available for organised criminals to abuse.

It's easy to assume that this only effects big companies and corporations such as Facebook, Google and banks but even small organisations, such as our church, can be open to having our data hacked. Therefore we must make sure that any data we hold on our members is held as safely as possible.

To that end we are having to make sure that we are GDPR compliant and have appointed a Data Protection Coordinator. Chris Fisher has kindly stepped into that role and is bringing his personal and

professional qualities into ensuring that any data held by the church meets the strict rules.



At a special Elders Conference in May Chris, assisted by his wife Julie and Muriel Bryson, led us through the complex and exhaustive list of laws and regulations that we must follow. We have been very proactive in

our approach to GDPR and the church policy has been published on our website as per regulations.

If you'd like to read this and see how we treat and ensure that your data is safely held please visit the website at the link below:

[https://
www.cardrossparishchurch.org/
content/gdpr/](https://www.cardrossparishchurch.org/content/gdpr/)

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WALKING TOGETHER

Reflection cards for all ages

Walking Together was the theme of the 2018-19 Moderator, the Very Rev Susan Brown, and General Assembly has been encouraging churches to get involved in different types of pilgrimage.

What opportunities might there be to walk with a group from your church? Can you create a time to walk, talk and pray? Reflective walks can be a meaningful way for people to connect with God, creation and each other. They can be done alone or in a group, with church regulars or

those with no church connection, in a rural or urban setting.

Walking Together cards have been produced to encourage conversation and reflection with people of different generations. These have proved very popular and have already been used by Boys and Girls Brigade groups, Guild groups and church groups of different ages. The cards focus on a theme such as a view, a stone, food or water, and provide walkers with prompts for something to think about, something to do and something to talk about.

Free sets of cards and a Leaders' Guide can be downloaded or ordered from the Resourcing Mission shop: [https://
www.resourcingmission.org.uk/shop](https://www.resourcingmission.org.uk/shop)

PANTO - OH YES IT WAS!



Contraflow, the Helensburgh Area Christian Youth Project, performed their pantomime Snow White in the church hall at the start of March. The show was very well received and the group raised £1000.00 for the 'Stand By Me' project in Ethiopia where local youth worker Helen Buchanan was going to visit in April.

As we approach the end of yet another happy and successful **Lunch Club** year we have been pleased to welcome new members and a number of new helpers.

However we are faced with the sad prospect of losing one of our longest serving and most committed helpers. Katharine Ferguson who became Lunch Club Convenor in 1990 has indicated that she will retire at the end of June. When she stepped aside as Convenor she continued as Treasurer and has looked after the finances of Lunch Club with care and dedication. Katharine will be much missed but we hope that in the future she will come along and enjoy being served lunch rather than serving others. We are fortunate that Carolyn Craig has agreed to fill the role of Treasurer.

At this time we must also thank Sheila McGown, who has for many years been

the second signatory on the Lunch Club bank account.

Lunch Club owes so much to so many people – the ladies who serve the meals each week, the four drivers who deliver the food from the school, the staff in the School Kitchen who provide tasty and varied meals on a very tight budget and of course the ladies and gentlemen who come along each Thursday to enjoy food, fun and fellowship. I would also wish to thank especially, Tom Darroch and Sandy Walker who put out and tidy away the tables and chairs each week.

May I, on behalf of all involved with Lunch Club, wish everyone a very happy summer and we will be delighted to welcome new members when we reopen on Thursday 5th September.

Maureen Walker

INTO A BEAUTIFUL DAY



WORSHIP AMID THE BLOSSOM AND ROLLING EGGS



SPRING FAIR IS A HUGE



Our Annual Spring Fair was a huge success once again. Stalls laden with bric-a-brac, jewellery, books, arts and crafts, children's toys, plants and home baking all did a roaring trade – while there was no shortage of people of all ages ready to enjoy a refreshing cuppa and some delicious sweet treats in the tearoom. One of the most popular features of the day, though, was the raffle, which boasted a vast array of sweets, drinks, toys, toiletries and much more – all donated by members of the congregation – and which, such was the quantity and quality of the prizes, took a full half-hour for the all the winning tickets to be drawn and the prizes handed out to the lucky recipients.

Thanks to all who came along and insured that it was a great day. We are delighted to

announce that we raised over £1,600. A big thanks also to all those who very generously donated their time, goods and services to help make the event the success it was.



SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN



Davina Colquhoun, Elsa Cormack, Marion Gray and Jean McKillop are the quartet on the home baking stall. Duo's Janet McNeil and Margaret Ferguson on the flower stand with Lynda Darroch and Sandra Paterson going for a song on the bric-a-brac stall.

