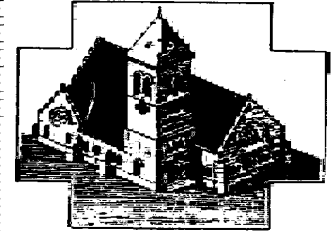


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DEAR FRIENDS

Sitting here in the church office I can see the sun streaming through the window and I can hear the wind howling outside! I am reminded of an old saying, 'Ne'er cast a clout 'till May's oot!' (or words to that effect!)

But I am also reminded of the faithfulness of God. As each season gives way to the next, we see His hand at work. There is much beauty and great bounty in all that he provides for our world. We have such variety that I never cease to be amazed. Let's give God the glory for his goodness. His mercies are new every morning and fresh every moment. "Summer and winter, and seed-time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join

with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love." We sing these words often in worship and what a witness for us to offer along with the rest of God's creation.

I know that we often grumble about the weather and no doubt people in other parts of the world do as well. When we seem to have too much rain somewhere else there will be drought. When we have biting cold winds somewhere else will be baking in heat.

In recognising the differences we can appreciate the fact that without rain and sun nothing would survive. And so it is with our own lives. We experience the good and the bad, the ups and the downs, but only through these varied times do we come to depend

on God for all things. It is God who brings us through and enables us to give thanks despite our problems. The Apostle Peter tells us, 'HE CARES FOR YOU SO CAST ALL YOUR ANXIETY ON HIM.' (1 Peter 5:7).

We have all journeyed through Lent and have worshipped during Holy Week and lifted our praises high on Easter morning. A roller-coaster of emotions if ever there was one yet what a joy to have faith in Jesus who died for our sins and rose to newness of life.

This is his gift to a world in need of hope. Let us share that hope.

With God's richest blessings.

Maggie

SPRING FAIR

This years Cardross Church Spring Fair will be held on Saturday 6th May in the church halls between 11am and 2pm. Admission is only a £1 for adults and is free for children.

There will be the usual array of stalls selling Bric-a-brac, books, jewellery and lots of bargains. Tasty treats will include; home baking and hot dogs. In addition there will be home made soup with bread and butter on sale at £2.50

and scones and fruit loaf or gingerbread with butter and jam also £2.50



Donations for our raffle would be greatly appreciated and can be handed in on the day or at the church office

in advance. So please come along, and bring your friends, to support this great event which plays an important and necessary part of our fund raising each year.

**Janet McNeil
Convenor
Fair Committee**



ANDREA'S FINALE

We sadly said goodbye to our organist and choir mistress of many years, Andrea Steele McLean, at the end of March. Andrea played a central part in our worship and the social life of the congregation. Her musical productions and shows were

hugely popular events attended by so many. To mark the occasion Andrea was presented with flowers, a book of personal messages of appreciation from the congregation, a framed copy of her hymn 'Look forward in faith' which she composed along

with the Rev Andrew Scobie and a planter for her garden. We will all miss her and the fun she brought to our worship. Andrea will be a hard act to follow but we are grateful to have found a replacement so soon in Andrew Black who joined us in April.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy church has met on 5 occasions this year and continues to be well supported.

We have attracted a number of new families which has brought the number of children attending to 18. This can be a bit of a challenge to the people responsible for purchasing and preparing the food for the meal at the end of the session but so far no one has gone home hungry.

In February we looked at the parable of the hidden treasure with the children making treasure maps and treasure chests which they took home and also searching for gold coins in sand. In March it was the story of the ungrateful servant who was thrown in prison by the king. We built a prison complete with bars and also had 2 pairs of real handcuffs which the children took great delight in putting on the adult members.

Fortunately keys were available to remove the handcuffs. April saw getting prepared for Easter and many families turned up for the Easter morning services.

It is greatly encouraging to all those involved in Messy church to have the families who attend regularly and we were pleased that some of them were able to come along and participate in our Palm Sunday service giving the wider congregation an insight to our activities.





EASTER 2017

Easter week was, as usual, a very busy week in the life of our congregation. Palm Sunday was a family service and we were joined by many of the families from Messy Church who paraded into the church waving palm branches at the start of our worship.

Throughout Holy Week the church was open each day for a half hour reflection at 12 noon. A big thank you to all the Elders who led the reflections.

Maundy Thursday saw us hosting an Ecumenical Celebration of the Lord's Supper and we were joined by many people churches within Dumbarton Presbytery.

Good Friday was marked with another Ecumenical service this time with our friends from St Mahews.

Easter Sunday saw us welcome the Risen Lord with an early all age service in the Easter Garden at 8.30am. It was very well attended and despite the light rain we had a great time, singing, praying and playing Easter games. We then enjoyed hot tea and coffee and bacon rolls in the church hall.

Balloons were released at the 8.30 and the main service at 11am carrying the Easter message from our congregation. We heard from a lady in Law, South Lanarkshire the next day that she had found one of our balloons.



Easter scenes:

- 1/ Rolling Easter eggs in the Easter Garden.
- 2/ Katrina helping with the treasure hunt.
- 3/ Easter balloons taking off and heading west.



SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

This year the Summer Club will run from **Monday 3 July until Friday 7 July**. We are using the Scripture Union Guardians of Ancora Holiday Club programme. A number of story treasures from the City of Ancora are missing and holiday club members are recruited as Guardians to recover these treasures and return them to the Hall of Memory. On Sunday, 9th July you are all warmly invited to come together for **an all age Family Service in the Church at 10.30am**. There is still a story treasure to be found and the Guardians are required to

search for it and complete the Hall of Memory. There will also be a presentation to each Guardian in recognition of their work during the week. After the service there will be a picnic in the Church grounds weather permitting or the Church Halls.



The Summer Club is open to all primary age school children and those children who are registered to start school in August 2017

within Cardross or with a Cardross Church connection. The cost will be £20 for the first child, £10 for younger siblings. Application forms will be circulated week commencing Monday 17 May 2017 via the school and hard copies will be available from the Church Office. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, as the number of places is limited. If you require further information please contact Judy Wilson on 07884496257 or email: judy@judyfamily.plus.com.

Judy Wilson

HELP REQUIRED

Have you got some spare time to help keep the church clean?

We are looking for volunteers to help keep the church clean on a rota basis. This involves general cleaning e.g. hoovering, dusting, polishing etc. Cleaning materials are provided.



If you have a few spare hours to join our band of helpers, please let us know by contacting the church office on 01389 841322

Alison Wood

CHURCH CRÈCHE FACILITIES



Recently the Vestry has had a full makeover and now includes baby-changing facilities which are currently being well utilised.

This change was in readiness to be able to use this room on a Sunday morning as a supervised crèche for babies and toddlers from birth until 3 years old. Children over 3 years are catered for by our Sunday School which operates each Sunday. I am delighted to give advance notice that we now have a list of volunteers who are currently going through their Protecting

Vulnerable Group (PVG) clearance and the necessary training requirement. This will allow us to start the supervised crèche service after the summer holidays. If anyone else is interested in volunteering for the crèche please contact Judy Wilson on 07884496257 who will be happy to assist.

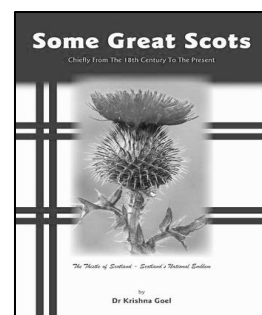
SOME GREAT SCOTS

A renowned Helensburgh doctor, and familiar face in our congregation, has written a book about some of Scotland's best people.

Dr Krishna Goel, a consultant paediatrician at the Royal

Hospital for Sick Children and a founder director of CHAS, can justly be called a Great Scot himself.

Copies of this excellent book are available from the church office to buy.



FLOWER ROTA 2018

January

08
15 Mrs J Wilson, Riverview
22 Mrs S McLatchie
29 Miss N Gray

February

05 Mrs M Calder
12 Mrs K Watson
19 A McIntyre
26 Mrs C Craig

March

05 A Walker
12 Mrs A Lee
19 Mrs R MacLachlan
26 Mrs J Wilson, Riverview

April

02 M Timmer
09 Mrs E Milne
16 Mrs J Fisher
23 Mrs K Young
30 Mrs I Muir, Riverview

May

07 Mrs A Foster
14 Mrs C Fleming
21 Mrs J Kinloch
28 Mrs M Craven

June

04 Mrs J Dean
11 Mrs W Wilson, Geilston
18
25 Mrs J Wilson, Riverview

July

02 Mrs R Wilson, Auchensail
09 Miss K Ferguson
16 Mr A Stratton
23 Mrs D Colquhoun
30 A McIntyre

August

06 Mrs M Calder
13 Mrs F Matheson
20 Mrs S Kinloch, Walton
27 Miss S McGown

September

03 Mrs J McNeil
10 Mrs J Goel
17 Harvest Thanksgiving
24 Miss S McGown

October

01 Mrs C Macpherson
08 Mrs C Clunie
15 Mrs P Goldie
22 Mrs J Goodings
29 Mrs M Glen

November

05 Mrs C Derries
12 Remembrance Sunday
19 The Guild
26 Mrs S Hanning

December

03 The Watson Family
10 Mrs L Darroch
17 Mrs E Cormack
24 Mrs J Scobie
31 -

As you can see the flower rota for next year is almost complete. There are only a couple of openings so if you'd like to donate flowers for those services please contact Sandra in the church office ASAP.



MODERATORS VISIT

The Rt. Rev. Dr Russell Barr, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, made a week -long visit to Dumbarton Presbytery at the end of March.

Based in Dumbarton he travelled to all areas of the Presbytery, reaching out to different organisations, both church based and otherwise. He met with many folk - from the young , at Douglas Academy, and the Tulloch Trust to those of more senior years at a Bearsden group called 'Too Many Candles'– from the fit and healthy at Dumbarton Football Club where he brought luck to the home team - to those in hospital and hospice care, at Vale of Leven, St Margaret's Hospice and Robyn House. He also visited Low Moss Prison, The Maid of the Loch, the Submarine Base at Faslane and the Peace Camp.

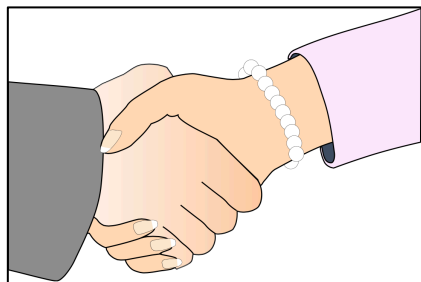
On the two Sundays of his visit there were special united services at Alexandria, Clydebank and Milngavie culminating with a quite wonderful and uplifting Songs of Praise in Helensburgh Parish Church on the final evening of his visit.

At that service Dr Barr and his wife, Margaret, received gifts commemorating their very busy week and he warmly thanked everyone, throughout the Presbytery, for arranging such an interesting and welcoming visit.

Maureen Walker



WELCOMING YOU TO CHURCH WILL BE.....



MAY

- 7 G Kenny, B Watson, Mrs J Wilson
14 T Davey, Mrs C Craig, Mrs M Craven
21 A Macpherson, Mrs M Lyn, Mrs J McNeil
28 Mrs M MacNeill, N Glen, Miss N Gray

JUNE

- 4 Mrs C Scholarios, D Still, Mrs A Wood
11 Mrs M Ferguson, Mrs M McGhee, D Paterson
18 Mrs K Watson, Mrs D Colquhoun, H Hosie
25 Mrs R MacLachlan, J Young, P Foster

CHURCH DIARY

MAY

- 7
11.00am Morning Service
14
11.00am Morning Service - Christian Aid Week -
21
11.00am Morning Service
28
11.00am Morning Service

JUNE

- 4
11.00am Pentecost (Communion)
11
11.00am Morning Service

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

DEMISSIONS

MARCH

Mr Hugh Allan, 3 Braid Avenue, Cardross to Glasgow

NEW MEMBERS

By Transference Certificate

Mrs Alison Balance
The Knock, Brooks, Road, Cardross

By Resolution of the Kirk Session

Mrs Alison Campbell
The Hollies, Cardross, G82 5HD

BAPTISMS

MARCH

19 Naomi Violet Brown, 21 Clarence Street, Stoke on Trent

APRIL

23 Harris Kenneth Craig
Lamington, 196 West King Street, Helensburgh

DEATHS

2016

NOVEMBER

23 Mrs Jean Blair, Old Police House, Reay Avenue, Cardross
24 Miss Margaret Findlay, 2 Park Terrace, Cardross

DECEMBER

12 Mr Arthur Thomson, Argyle Lodge, Helensburgh

2017

JANUARY

6 Mrs Sybil MacLachlan, 29 Bainfield Road, Cardross
25 Mr James Ernest Trevor Card, Dunard, Glencrutten, Oban

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER (cont..)

MARCH

- 5 Miss Eva Holmes, Clydeview Care Home, Cardross
10 Mrs Katie Connelly, 3 Ardmish, Isle of Gigha
11 Mr Eric Chinn, Dalmore Farm, South End, Oban
18 Mrs Agnes Filshie, Randolph Hill Care Home, Dunblane

April

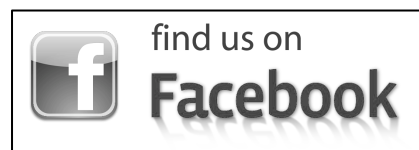
- 4 Miss Karen Hanning, 77 East King Street, Helensburgh

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