

# THE DUNNY DROP-IN CAFE



The Dunny drop-in cafe opened its doors at the start of the school term to all S1 and S2 pupils in the village, regardless of what school they attend.

Meeting between 4 and 5pm on a Monday evening during term time we

have a group of around 10 youngsters attending the drop-in club. They meet fresh from school to relax, play board games, chat about their issues like home work etc and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate together. All S1 and S2 pupils are invited to join us on a Monday.

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# FOCUS



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## Dear Friends,

I wonder if you saw the news coverage concerning Leonardo Da Vinci's painting entitled Salvator Mundi? Dated to around 1500 Da Vinci depicts Christ wearing Renaissance dress with his right hand raised in blessing and his left hand holding a crystal orb signalling his role as Saviour of the World.

The painting is thought to have belonged to Henrietta, wife of Charles the 1st before it became lost in the chaos of turbulent times. It came to light at an auction in 1958

when it was sold for £45.00 – obviously considered not to have been painted by Da Vinci's own hand. But last month it sold at auction as an authentic work for 341 MILLION POUNDS! This makes it the most expensive painting ever sold at auction and from what I can gather it has been bought for a private collection.

This means that whoever had such a vast amount of 'spare change' to purchase the painting will at best enjoy it in private and at worst have it stored in a vault where it will never see the light of day... (cont P3)

## Christmas Fair 2017



We held our annual Christmas Fair on Saturday (18th November) and once again it was a huge success.

Hundreds of local people turned out to support our popular festive event and get some earlier Christmas shopping done. The tea room was kept busy all the time during the fair and the hot soup and cakes on offer were much praised.

The raffle was very popular again with some wonderful prizes on offer, including bottles of whisky, champagne and some very expensive ladies perfumes on offer. When it came time to draw the raffle a few people were extra lucky and scooped multiple prizes. Next year we'll be giving the bag an extra shake!

Later on our Treasurer, Bill Watson, was delighted to announce that an amazing

£2500.00 was raised on the day for church funds. He said "This is a great result and is slightly up on last years fundraising. I'm delighted with that considering that everyone is feeling the pinch." Revd Maggie McArthur thanked everyone who came along, took part and donated to the fair and thanked them all for their generosity.

Our picture shows our very own 'Santa' Bill Watson with Christmas Fair organiser Janet McNeil and her 'elf helpers' Alison Wood, Carol Fleming and Moira Craven.



## Church Diary

### DECEMBER

- 10 11.00am 2nd Sunday in Advent Family Gift Service
- 11 6.00pm Messy Church Christmas Party
- 13 7.00pm Advent Reflection
- 15 2.00pm-4.00pm, 6.00pm-8.00pm **Christmas Tree Festival**
- 16 11.00am-4.00pm **Christmas Tree Festival - Santa will be there**
- 17 11.00am 3rd Sunday in Advent  
Choir Christmas Music followed by a light lunch in church halls.  
1.00pm-3.00pm **Christmas Tree Festival** with short closing service.
- 20 7.00pm Advent Reflection
- 24 11.00am Christmas Eve Service
- 24 6.30pm Christmas Eve Family Service
- 25 10.30am Christmas Morning Service
- 31 11.00am Morning Worship

### JANUARY

- 7 11.00am Morning Worship with Round the Table Communion.
- 14 11.00am Morning Worship
- 21 11.00am Morning Worship Ecumenical Service followed by Soup Lunch



# Congregational Register

## DEATHS

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Fay Matheson, 2 Smithy Court, Cardross.

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Mr William Carson, 20 Bainfield Road, Cardross.

Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Mr Alan Minshaw, Ardgowan, High Askomill, Campbeltown.

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Miss Anne Fraser, 10 Campbell Crescent, Oban.

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Mrs May McTurk, Castlevue Care Home, Dumbarton.

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Mr Andy Robb, 28 Woodend Road, Rutherglen.

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Mrs Margaret Hogarth, 43 Dumbuck Gardens, Dumbarton.

## DEMISSION

Mrs Andrea Steele McLean to Newlands South.  
Mrs Muriel Stevenson, Helensburgh to Prestwick.

## BAPTISM

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Aaron Jamie Dick, son of Alana Leigh Dick.

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Carter Christopher Clemett, son of Daniel and Sherri-Leigh

## BLESSING

May 28<sup>th</sup> Corey Richmond, son of Tommy and Pauline.



cont..... Contrast that thought with the scriptures. When the angel visited the shepherds and announced the birth of Jesus he proclaimed, 'This very day in David's town your Saviour was born – Christ the Lord!' (Luke 1: 11). And during his ministry after Jesus encountered the Samaritan woman at the well she went back to her village and told everyone about his amazing ability to understand what was going on in peoples' lives. Then the people, having heard Jesus for themselves said to the woman, 'We believe now, not because of what you said, but because we ourselves have heard him and we know that he really is the Saviour of the world.' (John 4: 42).



Jesus is the Saviour of the World. He is not meant to be kept as a private indulgence or out of sight. His birth brought him close to all who need him. He is Saviour of the sick and dying. He is Saviour of the helpless and the homeless. He is Saviour of the sinner and the saint. He is Saviour of you and me. He is Saviour of the whole world. This Christmas time let us give thanks for this for the world certainly needs a Saviour.

Wishing you and your loved ones a most blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

*Maggie.*

## Christmas Tree Festival

Just to remind you that this years Cardross Christmas tree festival will be held in the church from Friday 15th - Sunday 17th.

Times of opening are:

**Friday 2pm - 4pm and 6pm till 8pm**

and will feature the Peaton Peelers, Cardross Fiddlers and community singing.

**Saturday 11am - 4pm**

Santa will be in his grotto

**Sunday 1pm to 3pm**

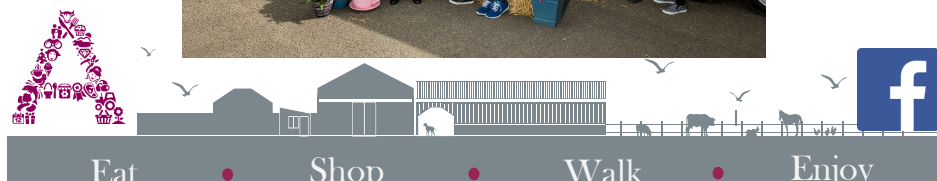
with a short service to end the festival.



[www.ardardan-hampers.co.uk](http://www.ardardan-hampers.co.uk)



All the best for Christmas & the New Year  
from all the Team at Ardardan



## 'God With Us' choir were amazing.

On Sunday 19th November, The 'God With Us' choir, a 40 strong group of singers made up of church members from over 17 churches around Glasgow, treated us to a most moving and uplifting presentation in word and music of 'The Wonders of the Cross'.

A retiring collection raised £385 for Christian Aid.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event.



It was a privilege to welcome the choir to Cardross Parish Church and enjoy fellowship with them after the concert.

## Welcoming you to church will be:

### December

- 10 Mrs M Craven, Mrs J Fisher, Mrs E Cormack
- 17 Mrs M Walker, Mrs D Colquhoun, Mrs M Brown
- 24 B Watson, Mrs J Wilson, A Macpherson

### January

- 7 T Davey, Mrs M MacNeill, G Stevenson
- 14 Miss N Gray, Mrs A Lee, David Still
- 21 Mrs C Scholarios, Mrs A Wood, D Paterson
- 28 Mrs M Ferguson, Mrs L McKee, Mrs M McGhee

### February

- 4 Mrs K Watson, Mrs D Colquhoun, G Kenny
- 11 Mrs R MacLachlan, G Stevenson, J Young
- 18 Mrs A Campbell, Mrs C Craig, Mrs M Craven
- 25 P Foster, Mrs A Foster, Mrs J Fisher



# FLOWER ROTA 2018

## January

07 -  
14 Mrs J Wilson, Riverview  
21 Mrs S McLatchie  
28 Miss N Gray

## February

04 Mrs M Calder  
11 Mrs K Watson  
18 A McIntyre  
25 Mrs C Craig

## March

04 A Walker  
11 Mrs A Lee  
18 Mrs R MacLachlan  
25 Mrs J Wilson, Riverview

## April

01 M Timmer  
08 Mrs E Milne  
15 Mrs J Fisher  
22 Mrs K Young  
29 Mrs I Muir, Riverview

## May

06 Mrs A Foster  
13 Mrs C Fleming  
20 Mrs J Goel  
27 Mrs M Craven

## June

03 Mrs J Dean  
10 Mrs W Wilson, Geilston  
17 Mrs J Goel  
24 Mrs J Wilson, Riverview

## July

01 Mrs R Wilson, Auchensail  
08 Miss K Ferguson  
15 Mr A Stratton  
22 Mrs D Colquhoun  
29 A McIntyre

## August

05 Mrs M Calder  
12 Mrs R MacLachlan  
19 Mrs S Kinloch, Walton  
26 Miss S McGown

## September

02 Mrs J McNeil  
09 Mrs J Goel  
16 Harvest Thanksgiving  
23 Miss S McGown  
30 Mrs C Macpherson

## October

07 Mrs P Goldie  
14 Mrs C Clunie  
21 Mrs J Goodings  
28 Mrs M Glen

## November

04 Mrs C Derries  
11 Remembrance Sunday  
18 The Guild  
25 Mrs S Hanning

## December

02 The Watson Family  
09 Mrs L Darroch  
16 Mrs E Cormack  
23 -  
30 -

# Your Choir



Leading the congregational singing each Sunday is a privilege and a joy for all the members of our choir and our choir master, Andrew Black.

At this wonderful time of the year as we contemplate Advent and Christmas we are preparing a lovely selection of music to enhance our worship at each Sunday morning service.

We will be singing a variety of carols and Christmas music both old and new and even rising to the challenge of singing in Russian!

Do you enjoy singing too? Why not come along to one of our choir practices on a Wednesday evening. We promise you that you won't be pressured into joining the choir but you might find that like us you enjoy it!

We are a friendly bunch and enjoy a laugh and the social side of being in the choir as much as the singing aspect.

If you would like to find out more just speak to any member of the choir or to our organist Andrew Black.

**Rebecca MacLachlan**

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL AT MESSY CHURCH!



It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another Messy Church Year with our last meeting on Saturday 10th and our Christmas Party here on the 11th December. Great fun was had by all with games, dancing and a meal afterwards.

It's been a rewarding and fulfilling year for all concerned. A number of new families have started to attend along with our regular ones. This makes for very busy and enjoyable Saturday mornings very month.

Our Bible stories have included Jesus being the cornerstone, the foolish bridesmaids and for December the birth of Jesus. All our crafts and activities are based around these stories and have seen us build jails, towers of cardboard,

prayer cubes, angels and even our Christmas tree out of plastic cups!

The Messy Church team are grateful for all the support we receive from the members of the congregation and if you know of any families who might wish to give us a try (and get the kids away from the tv and computer games on a Saturday morning) then please encourage them to come along.

The first Messy Church of 2018 will be on Saturday 20th January. From all of us to all of you have a merry and peaceful Christmas and happy New Year!

**Tom Darroch**

## Lost in a computer world!

**Anne Russell finds the 'Technological Age' a challenge.**

I have tried, and tried and tried again, all to no avail. Despite my various attempts to rectify the situation **THE COMPUTER** remains a total enigma! The family joke is that each New Years day father would instruct mother on how to switch the computer on - how many years ago was that?!! I did go to classes once and when the tutor asked me to type something I printed 'I am very bored' - as you can imagine I was not the teachers pet!

In this great technological age there is now a whole new language to learn - I did Latin at school, but this is definitely different. E-mail, files, toolbars, passwords, floppy and hard disks, and megabytes - is the later a large roll and sausage, I wonder?

I have come to the conclusion that I am in the minority with no computer, no laptop, no smartphone, which according to my granddaughter 'keeps me in touch with the outside world' and can even send photos and video all over the world.

But I am no longer in the minority - for after much persuasion from friends and family I have purchased a tablet, under the impression that it

was a lovely concoction of sugar, butter and condensed milk - how wrong could I be!

Surely this tablet will improve my intelligence! Switching on I realise there is a great selection of subject to chose from - News, Google, Facebook, Messenger and Apps to name but a few.

But then I found the game Solitaire! What a joy. I can now play patience to my hearts content and forget about all this fancy modern terminology!

**Anne Russell**





## REMEMBRANCE DAY



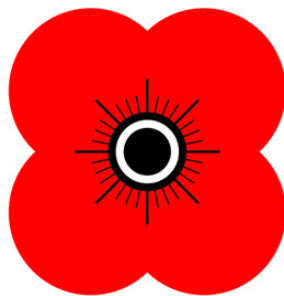
There was a large turn out for our Remembrance Day service last month with the Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies all taking part in the parade to the village cenotaph. There were also a group of current and former service personnel looking resplendent in their uniforms with their medals glinting in the cold winter sunshine.

## SCOTTISH POPPY APPEAL

Once again the people within the parish have excelled themselves in their support for this most worthy cause. We have received a record sum of £8,175.89. Sincere thanks to all the many helpers who assisted as collectors and to everyone who gave generously.

Thanks to Margaret Calder for the appropriate and beautiful floral arrangement for the Church service.

**Nancy Gray**



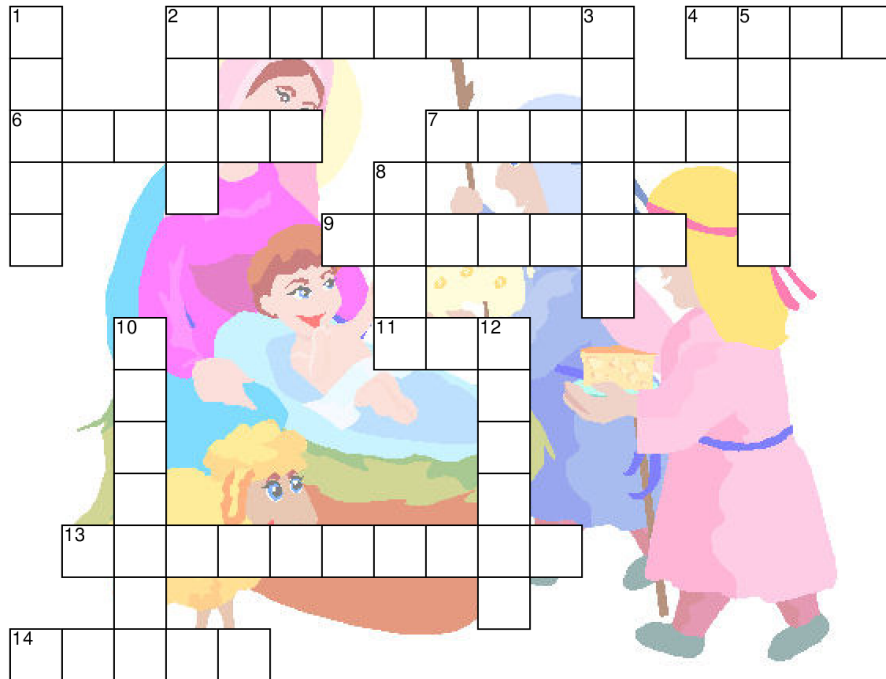
Some of the fun and games during the Messy Church Christmas Party in the church hall.



# CHRISTMAS FUN AND GAMES

## Christmas Nativity

www.kidsCanHaveFun.com



### Across

2. The town where Baby Jesus was born.
4. Jesus mother's name.
6. The inn-keeper told Mary that she could stay in the \_\_\_\_\_ with the animals.
7. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ star that lead the wise men to Baby Jesus.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ brought Jesus gifts and travelled far.
11. Baby Jesus was also the son of \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The wise men \_\_\_\_\_ baby Jesus.
14. The manger was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ to make it comfortable for baby Jesus.

### Down

1. Mary was told by the angel to call the baby \_\_\_\_\_.
2. An angel told Mary that she would have a very special \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus lay in a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. An \_\_\_\_\_ told the Shepherds about Jesus birth.
8. Jesus was also known as the newborn \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Jesus would be our \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Mary rode on a \_\_\_\_\_ to find a place to stay.

# CHRISTMAS FUN AND GAMES

## MERRY CHRISTMAS Wordsearch

Search for the words going up, down, left and right.

