

LUNCH CLUB NEEDS YOU!



The Lunch Club reopened on Thursday 6 September and we hope to continue our success over the last thirty plus years. We are open each Thursday during the school term from 12.45 with a lunch provided from the School Kitchen, at 1.00pm. The lunch, consisting of two courses plus tea and biscuits, is a very reasonable £2.20. There is no club to join and anyone of pensionable age can be sure of a warm and friendly welcome. Over the last two years, the numbers

attending Lunch Club has increased, but sadly the numbers of helpers has dropped and in order to sustain the Lunch Club it is now becoming a real necessity to recruit more help. The duties are not onerous. The tables and chairs are laid out and put away by two of the stalwart gentlemen who also collect the meals from the school. If anyone could offer a couple of hours on a Thursday between 12.30 and 2.30 on a rota basis, please contact me – Maureen Walker on 01389 841782.

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Dear Friends,

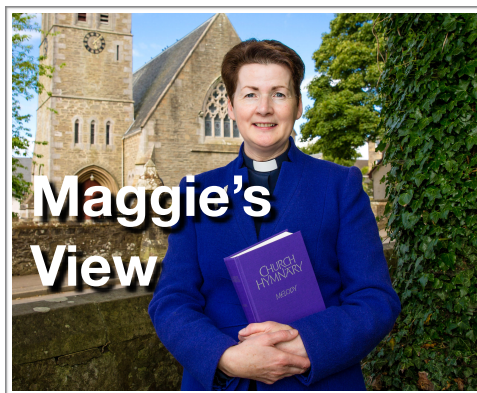
YOYP: Year of Young People.

2018 was designated as a year to recognise and value all of our young people in a national sense. All the main stream churches as well as schools and many community groups have been delighted to partake. The Church of Scotland encouraged every congregation to consider how young people can be celebrated.

This was something the Kirk Session here in Cardross was happy to do. We signed up to the Pledge which declared that:

*We will explore ways to engage with under 25's;
We will increase participation of our young people;
We will celebrate all that they are and bring;
We will pray for children and young people in our church and community.*

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Cont..... The Psalmist said, 'One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.' (145:4)

Our focus has been building on the existing relationships between church and school, and making known to the parish our desire to welcome young people in our midst.

There are three pointers to what we have been trying to do:

1/ INVITE

We began with a service in March inviting the congregation to pray for all the young people. We set up a group to try and find new ways in which to serve, and some good ideas came out of that and I thank Sophie, Nicole and Eilidh for their input.

With the demands on people's time and other circumstances we haven't been able to do as much as we had hoped but there are things to be thankful for and rejoice in: The live streaming of the Heart and Soul Sunday during the General Assembly in May was worthwhile for those who were able to attend; The 'Dunny' Club accommodated approx. 12 teenagers and continues to do so with the new intake of S1's;

Messy Church is well established and many families have come to see that particular time as their worship time; the holiday club provided a week's fun for 40+ children and some of the teenagers came along and helped each day;

My chaplaincy work at the school has enabled the P7's to come to the Church for Scripture Union based programmes (Christmas Unwrapped and Easter Code) and an in-school event to help them transition to High School; the summer has seen a good number of children attending church each week as we have invited families to participate (many thanks to all those who were brave enough to accept the invitation!) and we hope that they will continue to come and be part of Young Church now that we have made arrangements for a new teaching programme over in the hall before the children join the congregation towards the close of the service; In September we considered 'Back to School With Jesus – The Master Teacher' as a focus for Sunday worship for ALL ages in education; also in September CONTRAFLOW celebrated their 20th anniversary with an afternoon of fun in our church halls finishing with a service of worship in thanksgiving for work among young people in the area these past two decades; and by the time you read this, we will have hosted the Primary School for their Pop UK concert, a Christian based initiative, which has been funded jointly by the school and the church so that the young people can have the opportunity of making a CD and performing the songs live. This is a wonderful opportunity for us as a church to say to the community that we care about young people. It is a way of giving something to the community through a working collaboration; November will see the youth organisations join us for Remembrance and then we head towards Christmas – but let's not go there yet!

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Church Diary

SEPTEMBER

- 23** 11.00am Morning Worship - Led by Peter Foster.
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OCTOBER

- 7** 11.00am Morning Worship - Celebration of Holy Communion.
14 11.00am Morning Worship
21 11.00am Morning Worship
25 2.00pm Regional Guild Rally in Cardross Parish Church
28 11.00am Morning Worship - Helen Buchanan speaking about Contraflow

NOVEMBER

- 4** 11.00am Morning Worship - Celebration of Holy Communion.
11 11.00am Morning Worship - Remembrance Sunday
 10.45am at Cenotaph
17 TBC Christmas Fair in Church Halls.
18 - 25th GUILD WEEK
18 11.00am Morning Worship - Guild Service for Guild Week.
25 11.00am Morning Worship

DECEMBER

- 2** 11.00am Morning Worship - 1st in Advent.

Congregational Register

DEATHS

2018

- Jun 16th Baby Clayton James McCabe, The Cottages, Silverhills, Rosneath.
 Jun 16th Mr Frank Riding, 11 Havelock St, Helensburgh.
 Jun 25th Mrs Mamie Carson, 20 Bainfield Rd, Cardross.
 July 7th Mr William Lang, Glen Cottage, Cardross.
 July 11th Mr Harry Auld, Mavisbank Care Home, Bishopbriggs and formally of Fernhill and Cathkin Church.
 Aug 19th Dr Krishna Goel, 33 West Argyle Street, Helensburgh.

BAPTISM

- July 29th Straun Andrew Thomas Inglis son of Elaine and Andrew and wee brother to Innes.
 Aug 5th Ivy Sharon Miller daughter of Lauren.
 Aug 26th Ayla Mary Elizabeth White daughter of Suzanne and David and wee sister to Finlay.

WEDDINGS

- Jun 16th Philippa Canty and Daniel Filmer at Cardross Parish Church.
 Sept 8th Susie Crumless and Andrew Winton at Cardross Parish Church.

NEW MEMBERS

By Transference Certificate:

Mrs Andrea Steele McLean, Kames, Main Rd, Cardross

By Resolution of the Kirk Session:

Mrs Diane Philips, 5/1 Braid Avenue, Cardross.

Mrs Hope Johnstone, 4 Barrs Crescent, Cardross

DEMISSIONS

Kenneth Dean to Stamperland Church, Glasgow.

So, I think we should rejoice in all of these things and hope that the life of Cardross Church is on going.

2/ IMPACT

And this is the impact we wish to have – that there will be more involvement in all aspects of church life; an increased sense of belonging; a deeper understanding of faith, living out our faith by obeying Christ's commandment to love others, and to have a wider view of Christianity in the world.

3/ INVEST

But this has only been possible because people have been willing to invest by giving of their TIME to commit to various groups and events; Invest in PRAYER which the weekly prayer group has taken on as well as in our individual devotions; Invest in WORSHIP through participation and invest in the FINANCIAL cost.

As your Minister I thank everyone who works in various ways to bring the light of Christ to so many people of all ages. We are blessed in Cardross Church with all the groups and activities on offer and it is good that our halls are well used.

Your commitment and dedication is valued and is making a difference. Let us endeavour to keep going with grateful hearts for God's goodness to us and with a desire to see the Good News of Jesus Christ reaching far and wide.

As a congregation, all of us have the opportunity to work together, fulfilling each task to which we are called to the best of our ability and to the benefit of all God's people.

May God continue to bless you and give you joy in serving Him. As the Apostle Paul said, "See to it that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but always aim at what is best for each other and for all. Always be joyful; pray continually; give thanks whatever happens; for this is what God wills for you in Christ. Do not stifle inspiration or despise prophetic utterances, but test them all; keep hold of what is good and avoid all forms of evil." (1 Thess. 5: 15-22).

With God's richest blessings.

Maggie

PRAYER GROUP

In April this year a weekly prayer group was set up in the church. We meet on a Thursday morning at 10am. We pray for our church and community, people who are ill or in distress. We pray for our minister and church organizations, our country and our world. Our meeting format is very informal and although we are a small group we feel the strong power of prayer. Sharing prayer for others and ourselves is a powerful and humbling experience.

In order to continue to strengthen our group we need your help. Do you have time on a Thursday to join us. Will you help us to identify areas and people needing prayer. We do not need to know all the details as God already knows. There is a prayer request book at the Church door on a Sunday or a note placed in the collection bag marked "Prayer Group" will get to us. You can also contact us by dropping a note into the office or phone and leave a message.

Welcoming you to church will be:

OCTOBER

- 7 Mrs M Craven, Mrs M Brown, Mrs J Wilson
- 14 Mrs E Cormack, W MacLachlan, Mrs M Bryson
- 21 Mrs M Walker, T Davey, Mrs M MacNeill
- 28 G Stevenson, Mrs D Colquhoun, Miss N Gray

NOVEMBER

- 4 Mrs J McNeil, Mrs A Lee, D Still
- 11 Mrs C Scholarios, Mrs A Wood, D Paterson
- 18 Mrs M Ferguson, Mrs L McKee, G Kenny
- 25 Mrs R MacLachlan, J Young, Mrs A Campbell

DECEMBER

- 2 Mrs J Fisher, P Foster, Mrs C Craig
- 9 Mrs M Craven, Mrs M Brown, Mrs J Wilson
- 16 Mrs E Cormack, W MacLachlan, Mrs M Bryson
- 23 Mrs M Walker, Mrs M MacNeill, G Stevenson
- 30 T Davey, Mrs D Colquhoun, Miss N Gray

JANUARY 2019

- 6 Mrs J McNeil, Mrs A Lee, D Still
- 13 Mrs C Scholarios, Mrs A Wood, D Paterson
- 20 Mrs M Ferguson, Mrs L McKee, G Kenny
- 27 Mrs R MacLachlan, J Young, Mrs A Campbell



Enjoy the Winter Season at Ardardan

Booking now open for Festive
events and orders being taken
for Hampers,
sent throughout the UK.



We look forward to all that's to come in
the new year and thank you all very
much for your support.

All the Best, Team Ardardan



FLOWER ROTA 2019

January

06
13 Mrs J Wilson, Riverview
20 Mrs S McLatchie
27 Miss N Gray

February

03 Mrs M Calder
10 Mrs K Watson
17 A McIntyre
24 Mrs C Craig

March

03 A Walker
10 Mrs A Lee
17 Mrs R MacLachlan
24 Mrs J Wilson, Riverview
31 M Timmer

April

07 Mrs E Milne
14 Mrs J Fisher
21 Mrs K Young
28 Mrs I Muir, Riverview

May

05 Mrs A Foster
12 Mrs C Fleming
19 Mrs J Goel
26 Mrs M Craven

June

02 Mrs J Dean
09 Mrs M MacNeill
16 Mrs J Goel
23 Mrs J Wilson, Riverview
30 Mrs R Wilson, Auchensail

July

07 Miss K Ferguson
14 Mr A Stratton
21 Mrs D Colquhoun
28 A McIntyre

August

04 Mrs M Calder
11 Mrs R MacLachlan
18 Mrs S Kinloch, Walton
25 Miss S McGown

September

01 Mrs J McNeil
08 Mrs J Goel
15 Harvest Thanksgiving
22 Miss S McGown
29 Mrs C Macpherson

October

06 Mrs P Goldie
13 Mrs C Clunie
20 Mrs J Goodings
27 Mrs M Glen

November

03
10 Remembrance Sunday
17 The Guild
24 Mrs S Hanning

December

01 The Watson Family
08 Mrs L Darroch
15 Mrs E Cormack
22 -
29 -

Summer Holiday Club

The Summer Club this year was a sequel from last year again looking to find treasures to return to the Hall of Memory. We had 39 children who attended during the week and engaged in a number of activities looking at the main Christian festivals, how we talk with God and the messages that we have received. The children enjoyed a number of craft activities, learning the memory verse, taking part in the knowledge quiz, and singing some lively and interactive songs. We were blessed with a week of excellent weather and were able to have a variety of team games for all ages in the Hall grounds.

The week culminated in a very lively all age service in the Church on the Sunday morning where the congregation met the children and found out what the week had entailed. So the dates for your diary for the Summer Club next year will run from Monday 1 July till Friday 5 July with the all age family service on Sunday 7 July 2019.



National Churches Trust

You may have noticed that we have been having the stonework repointed on the North wall between the front of the Church and the side entrance. This work, which has been completed to a very high standard by our contracted stonemasons, has been made possible by a grant from the National Churches Trust. The National Churches

Trust is dedicated to the repair and support of the UK's churches, chapels and meeting houses. If you would like to become a Friend of the National Churches Trust and help restore our nation's churches you can join on line at www.nationalchurchestrust.org/friends or call them on 02072220605. There are also information leaflets containing application information available in the church office should you wish to uplift one.



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**Come and join us
Saturday 6th of October
10am-12noon
for our annual
Macmillan coffee morning**

**FEEL
GOOD!
THE WORLD'S
BIGGEST
COFFEE MORNING**

To Talk or Not to Talk!

Surely that is the question for today's modern world? Years ago my life was less complicated. My memory at school was being told to stand up straight and speak clearly - at times silence prevailed if I didn't know the answer! Those were the days of mental arithmetic and daily spelling tests. We then moved up through the 'shy teens' and

suddenly arrived in the technological age, surrounded by texts, e-mails, iPads and smart phones, which seem to do everything bar the housework! So many conversations seem to take place on these devices - I feel chatting is in a decline.

The other day having coffee after shopping, a mother was sitting opposite me with her little daughter. The mother was reading her newspaper and the child

totally engrossed in playing games on her mum's phone! Later I was at the eye clinic where the waiting room was full but silent - everyone was on their phones checking their social media! How ironic.



My progress with the computer is moving slowly. But in today's paper an article caught my eye. There is going to be a lot of jobs for women in 'coding' which apparently is writing a set of instructions in

computer language. I'm only proficient in English and French, semi proficient in Latin and know 8 words in Gaelic - alas 'coding' is not for me!

To finish - back in the Eighteen Hundreds someone wise once wrote 'One of the greatest pleasure in life is conversation' - now that's my kind of language!

Anne Russell

CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you to everyone who donated to our 2017/18 fund raising efforts for Christian Aid. The concert last November, quiz sheets and Lenten blessing boxes raised £665.

A special collection for the Kerala flood appeal raised £118.

Rebecca MacLachlan.



Data Protection Policy

In accordance with recent developments in General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Cardross Parish Church has published its policy on how we protect and use personal data. The policy covers:

1. Overview
2. Data Protection Principles
3. Personal Data
4. Special Category Data
5. Processing
6. How personal data should be processed
7. Privacy Notice
8. Consent
9. Security

10. Sharing personal data
11. Data security breaches
12. Subject access requests
13. Data subject rights
14. Contracts
15. Review

Those wishing to view the policy in full can do so by visiting the church website and downloading a copy or by visiting the church office and asking to see a copy.

Download the policy documents here:
www.cardrossparishchurch.org/content/gdpr



Messy Church started back in September after a short summer break. A fun and busy morning saw our families help build a Scarecrow for the festival at Ardardan along with the usual fun, game and Bible stories. Our next meeting is Sat 15th October and we will also be holding our Halloween Party on Monday 29th from 6-8pm. So come along for some Spooky fun!

Looking ahead here are the dates for next years Messy Church Meetings:

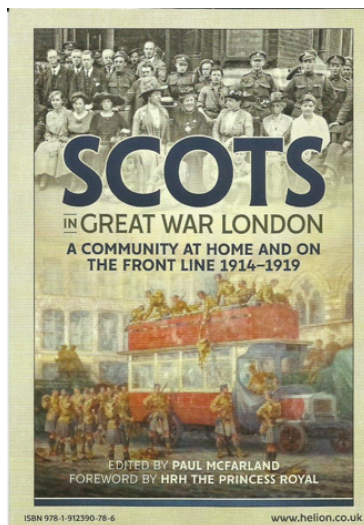
Sat	19th Jan 2019
Sat	16th Feb 2019
Sat	23rd March 2019
Sat	20th April 2019
Sat	18th May 2019
Sat	15th June 2019
<i>Summer Holiday Club 1st-5th July 2019</i>	
Sat	21st Sept 2019
Mon	28th Oct - Halloween Party
Sat	16th Nov 2019
Mon	2nd Dec - Christmas Party

Scots in Great War London

Sunday 28 October 2018 2.30pm

Dumbarton Riverside Parish Church are hosting a talk by Hugh Pym (BBC Health Editor) about the Scots living in London during the Great War. The talk will show how Scots' organisations and the Scots Churches in London supported the large numbers of Scots who passed through London during the Great War, going to and from the Front.

Tea and coffee afterward. Entry free. Donations to Poppy Scotland and Borderline (the charity supporting homeless Scots in London)



Helensburgh & Lomond Foodbank

We received a lovely letter from Barbie Paterson, Secretary to the Helensburgh and Lomond Foodbank, thanking the congregation for the regular donations they receive from Cardross Parish Church. Barbie says 'The foodbank has been surprisingly busy over the summer and in several months we have given out more food than we have received. On one Thursday evening we had 25 clients, the most we have ever had at one session.'

Food for thought indeed and all the more reason for us to continue our very welcome support of this local charity.



OUT OF AFRICA AFTER

In the last edition of FOCUS we told you about how teacher LOUISE WILSON was giving up her summer holidays to go out to Rwanda to teach children in the Faith and Hope Primary School. Now back from Africa Louise is keen to share her adventures and thank everyone who donated to her cause.

Hello everyone,

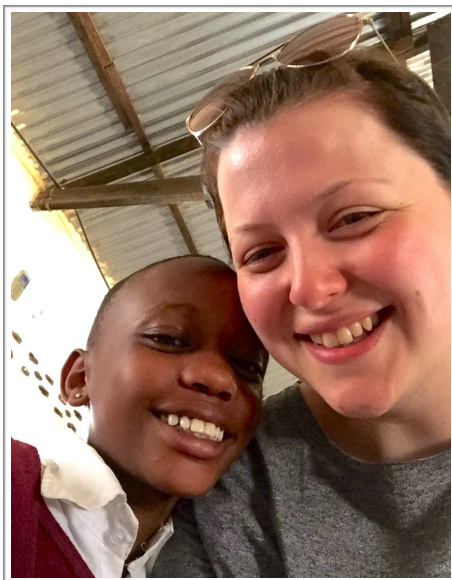
I am back from my Summer adventure to Rwanda. Teaching in Africa for two weeks has been a truly life changing and incredibly rewarding experience. I was going out to share my skills but instead ended up being the one to learn the most. I met and taught some fantastic children who's zest for life and optimism are inspiring. Some walk for miles to attend school and when there, participate in heat over 30 degrees. They find the joy in any situation and their creativity know no bounds as you can see in the photographs. If they do not have a football, they fashion their own from string and plastic bottles. If they would like to play an instrument, they create one from shoots of bamboo.

This trip has also allowed me to witness and marvel at the Rwandan people. They have not allowed the tragic events of the country's past to prevent them from moving forward. I visited the Genocide Memorial Museum and heard stories from the survivors, whom have suffered terribly in the past. What I saw were individuals who are determined to move forward and find happiness and hope in the future. The message on their lips was clear "We are

all Rwandans and move forward together as one".

I owe a huge thank you to all of the members of Cardross Parish who helped me raise funds for this cause. Your support meant a great deal and has gone towards developing the Girl's Hub in the Gako village well as providing resources for Faith and Hope Primary. This Hub gives opportunities to young women who traditionally, would have ended up in the fields collecting feed for livestock. Together, we have literally changed the future of these women. A sincere thank you once again,

Louise



LIFE CHANGING TEACHING TRIP



Some of the amazing pictures Louise has brought back from Rwanda. She hopes to host a talk later this year to let us all know just what it's like for the children at the Faith and Hope Primary school and share more of her memories.

