

November, 2015

## ***From the Manse***

Dear Friends,

I write this just after Susan and I have returned from a holiday in Keswick. It was a week of unbroken sunshine - one of those you remember for a long time.

It was also a time of seemingly endlessly violence - in fact a time that seems beyond violence.

The newspaper and television reports seem almost beyond belief. Presidents, Heads of State are keen to be seen and heard, putting their point of view.

It appears that it is possible for the boundaries which constitute Europe could be moved to accommodate the numbers who are coming from the East. That is a recipe for disaster, but what other way out is possible?

The most recent developments are the ones in Israel. The age-old arguments are brought out to bolster the position of Israel and Palestine.

In the middle of all this are the peace-workers who are struggling to make any headway.

Some of the nations are trying to accommodate those who have been displaced, and Germany has taken a lead in this. Of course, that position also has its difficulties. When the violence ends, as it will, then the question is what happens to all these displaced people.

The churches are doing all they can to bring aid and peace to the displaced but it is a mammoth task.

We can but pray for those displaced.

# ***The Guild***

During November our meetings are joined with those of the Ardrossan Presbyterial Council to enable you to attend them if you wish and are NOT on Wednesdays as usual.

At 12 to 3 p.m. on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, '*Fayre Presents*' is being held in our church hall. There will be a display '*Souls of our Feet*'; a CrossReach collection point; Hadeel Palestinian goods; a '*Friends of South Beach*' stall; a book stall. Lunch/tea and coffee will be available. Do come along and see what is on offer and meet with friends from other Guilds.

At 2 p.m. on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, in St. Nicholas Church, Prestwick, is the '*Big Sing*' for Guild Week, when all the Guilds in Ayrshire will be taking part and joining in the singing of their favourite hymns.

Remember: on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, there will be our Guild dedication during the morning service.

*Sheila Sarginson*

# ***Choir***

## Anthems for November

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Glory to God
- 8<sup>th</sup> - The Supreme Sacrifice
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Consider the lilies
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Oh the life of the world is a joy and a treasure
- 29<sup>th</sup> - People look East

*Rosemary Smith*

# ***Sunday School***

Our Pennies Project this year is for *Sightsavers*. *Sightsavers* helps treat patients with eye infections, and antibiotics to help prevent re-infection cost as little as £1 per person. We would like to thank everyone who has been collecting pennies over the summer.

If you have been in the hall, you will have seen the lovely autumn picture the children have made. There are also pictures of our summer outing to *Artistic* in Kilwinning, where a great time was had.

*Sunday School Teachers*

# ***Church Flowers***

Flower donations in November:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Nan Chalmers
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Jean Parker
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Margaret Reid
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Adele Kerr
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Nancy Smith

Many thanks are extended to all those who have donated flowers to the church. It is much appreciated.

*Annita Gillespie and Joyce White*  
Flower Convenors

# ***Fashion Show***

The Fund-raising Team would like to thank everyone who supported the Fashion Show hosted by Jennifer from *The Dressing Room* boutique.

This was a most enjoyable evening and the event raised the very creditable sum of £685 to go towards our church funds.

Our special thanks go to the six ladies who modelled the items of clothing for us and to all others who assisted on the night.

# ***Christmas Fayre***

The Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, at 10 a.m.

There will be a variety of stalls and a visit from Santa.

Tickets will be priced at £3 which includes tea, coffee and home-baking.

*Fund-raising Team*

# ***Back by Popular Request***

The 'Red and Green' stall will be at the winter fayre again this year and the Guild will be delighted to receive small items in red or green for this stall.

Please help us to make this a success again this year.

*Evelyn Slater*

# ***Cleaning Rota***

Sun. 1 Nov. - Annita Gillespie, John Campbell  
Sat. 7 Nov. - Elizabeth Barclay, Liz Sutherland  
Fri. 13 Nov. - Ann Turner, Elsa Kirk  
Fri. 20 Nov. - Maureen Crilley, Eileen Ramsay  
Sat. 28 Nov. - Susan Cross, Nan Smith  
Fri. 4 Dec. - Sheila Hanlon, Elizabeth Murray  
Sun 13 Dec. - Gillian Morrison, Shona Turner  
Fri. 18 Dec. - Ena Grove, Muriel Parker  
Wed 23 Dec. - Volunteers  
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Sun. 3 Jan. - Volunteers

If any of the above dates are not suitable, please feel free to swap with someone else or, alternatively, contact me.

*Ann Turner*

# ***Parker's Preserves***

Once again many thanks to everyone who bought my jams and chutneys. Also thank you to those who donated fruit or sugar. Your support and generosity has allowed £550 to be given to church funds.

Keep collecting the jars for next year!

*Muriel Parker*

# ***Data Protection***

If you have not already done so, please remember to sign and return your Data Protection form delivered last month by your district elder. Failure to do so will result in the church being legally prevented from continuing to record you as a member on the Church Roll. Any lost forms can be replaced at the church door or by calling 471207.

*William Parker*

# *Humour*

(Continuing from last month):

Kids were asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. The following statements about the Bible were written by children. **They have not been retouched or corrected: incorrect spelling has been left in.**

13. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
14. Solomon, one of Davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
15. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.
16. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manager.
17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
18. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
19. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
20. It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
21. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.
22. The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
23. One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
24. St. Paul cavorted to christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marraige.
25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

*Contributed*

Material for the DECEMBER edition of the magazine will be due on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2015.

## ***Weekly Calendar***

Mondays:            2.00 p.m. - Afternoon club for beginners', improvers bridge, crafts, etc.  
                         7.30 p.m. - Country Dancing (a social dancing class)

Tuesdays:        10.30 a.m. - Informal mid-week service  
                         6.00 p.m. – Girls' Brigade

Wednesdays:    10.30 a.m. - Keep Fit Class  
                         2.00 p.m. (fortnightly) – The Guild

Thursdays:       9.30 a.m. - Mother and Toddler Group

Fridays:            6.00 p.m. – Boys' Brigade