

Weekly Calendar

- Sundays: 10.45 a.m. - Morning Service
and Sunday School
- 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



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Dear members and friends of St Cuthbert's, Saltcoats,

A few years ago I visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, it is well worth a visit. Since the earliest of times it has been regarded as the site of Calvary, the hill on which Jesus was crucified. The hill is also called Golgotha, the place of a skull. I am a wee bit sceptical about what happened where in the Holy Land, but this rocky outcrop inside the sanctuary is thought to be the site of the crucifixion. It has a vein of iron oxide (rust) running through it. Our guide explained that when the temple was being built the stone around this outcrop was quarried for building blocks. The outcrop was left because the veins of iron ore in the rock made it unsuitable for building. This was the very hill of Calvary where Jesus was crucified. Psalm 118 verse 22 says: *The stone which the builders rejected as worthless, turned out to be the most important of all.....*

Also contained within the sanctuary of the Holy Sepulchre is a possible site of the tomb in which Jesus was laid. I queued for 30-40 minutes with pilgrims from all over the world, to go inside and have a quiet moment. The next day, early on the Sunday morning I went to the tomb, and was able to walk straight in. The Orthodox priest, the custodian of the tomb and I were there only people there. While I was in the tomb two women came in with a small bunch of flowers and a couple of candles. They lit their candles laid their flowers on the tomb and gave the marble a bit of a wipe down. I was touched by their simple act of devotion and couldn't help thinking of the women who early on the first Easter Sunday morning went to the tomb.

There is also a Syriac chapel, a grotto really within the church of the Holy Sepulchre. The word maranatha is a Syriac expression that means: "our Lord comes." It was used as a greeting in the early church. When believers gathered or parted, they didn't say "hello" or "goodbye" but "Maranatha!"

It was a wonderful expression of their hope and confidence in the Lord's coming. Being a Christian is all about hope, so let us all in St Cuthbert's look forward in hope "Maranatha".

May you be blessed this Easter,

David Watson.

Rev David Watson.

Interim Moderator.

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Nominating Committee

At a meeting following the church service on Sunday 26 February a committee of eleven members was appointed to form the Nominating Committee.

They will now begin the process of finding a minister that they consider suitable to fill the vacant charge of Saltcoats St. Cuthbert's Church.

Those appointed were Maureen Crilley, Robin Crilley, Hunter Grove, Adele Kerr, Archie Kerr, Elsa Kirk, Ros Lee, William Parker, Evelyn Slater, Nan Smith and Shona Turner.

At their first meeting on 22 March the committee appointed Rev. David Watson as convenor, William Parker as vice convenor and Elsa Kirk as clerk.

The committee appreciate our Interim Moderator's willingness to convene this committee and look forward to working with him to bring our responsibilities to a successful conclusion.

The work of the committee is completely confidential. It would be appreciated if members of the congregation do not ask questions of the committee during their deliberations as progress will be advised as soon as there is anything to report.

Baptism

Feb. Isabella Margaret Fiona Janet, Rohan Ian Hunter
and Findlay Robert William - daughter and sons
of Jenny Hunter and Brian McIlveen, Corsankell Wynd

Flower Donations

April	May	June
2 Gail Gray	7 Lesley Boyle	4 Evelyn Slater
9 Liz Sutherland	14 Gillian Morrison	11 Irene Hogarth
16 wedding	21 Marion Mitchell	18 Ella Gibb
23 wedding	28 Joan Aitken	25 Primrose Canavan
30 Jessie Brown		

There are dates available in August, September, October and November
If anyone wishes to make a donation of flowers please contact Annita
Gillespie [tel 468101] and Elsa Kirk Flower Conveners

Snippets from Presbytery

Training for new Presbytery Elders and other interested Elders has taken
place and was appreciated by those attending.

Representatives from Irvine & Kilmarnock and Ayr Presbyteries met with
members of Ardrossan Presbytery to explore the future of Mission with
the combined Presbytery bounds. A conference is proposed for the
summer to discuss further proposals.

Four members of Ardrossan Presbytery, including our Interim
Moderator, David Watson, are to visit Malawi as a follow up to the
twinning agreement.

Kirkgate church seeking approval for refurbishment funded by sale of
church properties

Ardeer /Livingstone had a sole nominee preaching on 12 March.

Choir

Anthems for April

2/4.	O love how deep	Hymn 354
9/4.	Shout Hosanna	Hymn 368
16/4	Jesus is risen	Hymn 409
23/4.	Now the green blade riseth	Hymn 417
30/4.	Spirit of God	Hymn 722

Rosemary Smith

Sunday School

Our topic this month is Joseph and his coat of many colours. The
children are going to be decorating a coat of many colours. Please have
a look at the boards after our Easter display is taken down to see their
handiwork.

There will be no Sunday School on the 9th and 16th April during the
Easter school break.

Sunday School Teachers

The Guild.

It is hard to believe we are almost at the end of another Guild year,
which has been an enjoyable one, with interesting speakers, and some
fun times as well.

Our next meeting will be an illustrated talk on "Malawi Fruits"; there will
be a sales table, with crafts.

Remember - our Annual Business Meeting on April 5., with an Easter
theme.

Could members please think what they want for our annual outing - a
change or the same as last year?

Sheila Sarginson.

Plant Sale – order form

This year the plant sale will be on Saturday 13 May 2017 at 2.00pm.

The following plants will be available and can be ordered anytime before the sale. Any plants ordered can be collected or delivered at a mutually suitable time, either before or after the sale. (by 24 May at the latest)

Plants available: PACK SIZE IN BRACKETS

Blue Ageratum (6)	White Alyssum (8)
Antirrhinum - dwarf (8)	Bacopa pink and white (single)
Brachycome (Swan River Daisy) (6)	Bedding Begonia (6)
Busy Lizzie (6)	Dwarf Dahlia (6)
Trailing Fuchsia (single)	Godetia (8)
Upright Fuchsia (single)	
Geranium (mixed) (single)	Geranium (red) (Single)
Geranium (pink)(single)(limited)	Geranium (white)(single)(limited)
Geranium (Ivy Leaf)(single) limited supply	
Trailing Lobelia (mixed, dark blue, white) (10)	
Ordinary Lobelia (dark blue, white) (10)	
Climbing petunia (single)	
French Marigold (8)	Tagetes (6)
Livingstone Daisy (12)	Mimulus (4)
Nemesia (8)	Nicotiana (6)
Pansy (12)	Petunia (all mixed colours) (12)
Trailing Petunia (purple, dark pink, white, lilac and other various colours)(single pots)	
Salvia (red) (6)	Stock (6)
Verbena Bonarensis (6+ in pot)	
Sweet Pea (tall (single) - trailing(3)	Bedding Verbena (6)
Viola (6)	Tomato (bush, and tall)
Cosmos (single pot of 10+ plants)	
Nasturtium, Diascia, Sweet William, Dianthus, sunflowers	

PRICES

Geranium, Trailing Petunia, Tomatoes, Diascia, Fuchsia, Bacopa, 75p - £1 (6 for £5)

Sweet peas 50p each tube (at least 2 plants) £5 per dozen

Large ivy leaf geranium, large trailing petunia, large fuchsia £2 or £3 depending on size

Petunia, Livingstone daisy, pansy, dahlia £3 per pack Cosmos £3

3,4,6, 8 and 10 packs - all £1.50 Large pots of seedlings £2 to £3

Help on the day of the sale and to transport plants on Friday 12 May will be most appreciated.

Ann Turner

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Christian Aid Week 14 -20 May

Since Christian Aid Week began 60 years ago, volunteers from churches have collected house-to-house. Together they delivered more than seven million envelopes last year, each one sending a message about Jesus' love and justice.

Every envelope delivered is also a chance to start a conversation, to introduce our church to the local community. It's an act of witness, proclaiming Jesus' good news to the poor. It's a sign of his kingdom, visible to the whole community.

And it's a clear demonstration that Christians won't stand by while our neighbours are suffering.

If you can spare a few hours to help please contact Graeme or Liz Sutherland on 465744 or see us in church.

Girls Brigade

At the beginning of March Katie McQuistin, (Junior), Amy Park and Sarah Park (Brigaders) attended the Division Bible Knowledge Competition held at Girdle Toll Church, Irvine. The girls had to study Proverbs 31 verses 10-31 and complete a question sheet on this passage. They also took part in a round robin answering general bible knowledge. Although not placed this year the girls did themselves and the company proud and I am sure Amy and Sarah will not mind me saying that we were all very impressed that Katie (10) had memorised the whole of the Proverb verses.

On Pancake Tuesday, Gillian McQuistin assisted by the Brigaders made pancakes for everyone to enjoy with a variety of toppings on offer. As part of their badgework the Juniors are presently learning a short play on Noah's Ark. The Brigaders meanwhile are learning about Mary's Meals and will endeavour to fill a number of backpacks with essential items for the children helped by this good cause. They are also in the process of completing the spiritual part of their badgework where we have been looking at the Seven "I AM" saying of Jesus.

On Tuesday 14th March we took a walk over to the Library where the Brigaders could access the internet in order to enrol for their leadership training and the younger girls were made most welcome by the staff and enjoyed looking at the books, colouring in and playing with the Lego. We also discovered a Jewellery Making Class is held there on a Tuesday and after discussing with the Staff we are looking in to making this a project for the start of the new session in September time.

We will be on holiday on the 4th and 11th of April for the Easter Holidays and when we return we will start to think of our Annual Display which will be on Tuesday 23rd May.

Lorna Hamilton.

Cleaning Rota

Sat 1 April	E Barclay	L Sutherland
Fri 7 April	A Turner	E Kirk
Fri 14 April	M Crilley	E Ramsay
Sat 22 April	S Cross	N Smith
Fri 28 April	S Hanlon	E Murray
Sun 7 May	G Morrison	S Turner
Fri 12 May	E Kirk	M Parker
Fri 19 May	C Saunders	S Hanlon
Fri 26 May	S Love	A Algie
Sun 4 June	A Gillespie	J Campbell
Sat 10 June	E Barclay	L Sutherland
Fri 16 June	A Turner	E Kirk
Fri 23 June	M Crilley	E Ramsay
Sat 1 July	S Cross	N Smith
Fri 7 July	S Hanlon	E Murray
Sun 16 July	G Morrison	S Turner
Fri 21 July	E Kirk	M Parker
Fri 28 July	C Saunders	S Hanlon
Fri 4 Aug	S Love	A Algie
Sun 13 Aug	A Gillespie	J Campbell
Sat 19 Aug	E Barclay	L Sutherland
Fri 25 Aug	A Turner	E Kirk

MY INCONCLUSIVE TRAVEL PLANS FOR 2017

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

