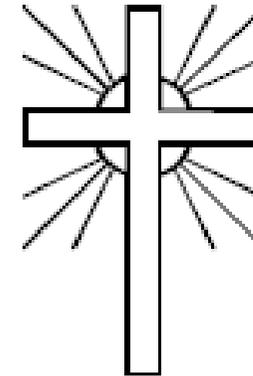


# Weekly Calendar

- Sundays: 10.45 a.m. - Morning Service, Sunday  
School and Youth Group
- Mondays: 2.00 p.m. – Afternoon Club for  
beginners' & improvers' bridge, crafts, etc  
4.00 p.m. – Rennie Dance Academy  
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  
3.30 p.m. – Rennie Dance Academy  
6.30 p.m. – Anchor Boys
- Fridays: 6.00 p.m. Boys Brigade



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## Letter from our interim moderator

### Clark Memorial Manse, Largs.

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

I remember seeing a wayside pulpit which contained the following message: *If it never rained, there would be no hay to make when the sun shines!* Life is a mixture of light and shade, sunshine and showers. We need both. We are fortunate that, at least so far, the winter hasn't been too severe. I love this time of year when the days are stretching and there is the promise of spring in the air. There are snowdrops showing and I have seen spring lambs in the fields. The trees and shrubs are starting to show signs of new life breaking through.

All kinds of things are happening below the ground and behind the scenes. It is part of the wonder of the created order. At the very time when life is at its darkest and gloomiest, that things begin to stir beneath the surface. This is the hope of our faith. Many people, perhaps the majority, are only aware of things which are superficial and obvious. To people of faith there is always much more going on than meets the eye. Underneath it all is the unfolding plan of God. The Creator is always working out his purposes through the lives of men and women here, there and everywhere.

When Jesus was nailed to the cross and his life was pronounced to be extinct the purposes of God seemed to have been thwarted, yet that was the very time when God was doing a new thing. Three days later Jesus emerged from the tomb more alive than ever before. He greeted his astonished and terrified friends who had come to the tomb to prepare his body for burial. Our God is a God of surprises. Just at the very time when we have given up hope, or when we fear that it is too late for anything good to happen, that is the very time when God intervenes and makes all things new.

Kindest regards and every blessing

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## CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Fri 3 March	E Kirk	M Parker
Fri 10 March	C Saunders	S Hanlon
Fri 17 March	S Love	A Algie
Sun 26 March	A Gillespie	J Campbell
Sat 1 April	E Barclay	Liz 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
Sunday 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	Liz 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

## Dates for your diary

By the time this magazine is delivered, voting will have taken place to elect a nominations committee to begin the process of looking for a new minister.

## The Guild

We started February with a talk on the project we had chosen to support this year, and learned about the people in Haiti, and how the money raised by the Project will be used to build a school and church in the same building. We also brought gifts for the shop in South Beach House. We have received a lovely letter thanking us for our gifts, saying how much the residents appreciated these, being unable to go into town to buy these for themselves

The next meeting, we took a bicycle trip to Holland with Liz Rhodes, who cycles everywhere. We visited the bulb fields, and were amazed at the scale of these, with huge swathes of different colours as far as the eye could see. We also had a trip on a canal barge, seeing picturesque towns on the way, and one of the War cemeteries, beautifully maintained, if very moving.

We are now looking forward to our "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" at 2 - 4 pm. on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope you will accept our invitation, and come along for an afternoon of friendship, good food and fun.

Sheila Sarginson.

## Choir Anthems for March

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|----|---------------------------|----------|
| 5  | There is a redeemer       | Hymn 559 |
| 12 | As the deer pants         | Hymn 550 |
| 19 | God be in my head         | Hymn 538 |
| 26 | The Lord Created Families | Hymn 684 |

Rosemary Smith

## 1<sup>st</sup> Saltcoats Boys Brigade

The first half of the 2016-17 session has gone well for 1<sup>st</sup> Saltcoats Company.

We have entered the Junior Section bible knowledge competition for the first time in over a decade, finishing 5<sup>th</sup>. We are entering the Company section Scripture knowledge again in February, hoping to win it for 3<sup>rd</sup> time in 4 years.

Our boys have also won the pool competition, come 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the table tennis competition and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the badminton competition.

For the remainder of the session we are planning on competing in the other major competitions of Junior Section figure marching and company section drill as well as planning on sending a number of boys to the biennial battalion camp.

If anyone is interested in joining the Company or wishes more information we meet in the Church hall from 6:30-7.30pm on Thursday (Anchor Boys) and 6:30-9:30pm on Fridays (Junior Section and Company Section)

Gordon Cunningham

Company Captain

## CONCERT BY THE CITY OF GLASGOW CHORUS

We are very fortunate to have managed to arrange a concert in St Cuthbert's by the City of Glasgow Chorus on the afternoon of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March. This will be at 3.00p.m. Tickets costing £5 are now available from members of the Nan, Evelyn and the fundraising committee. We hope that everyone will make the effort to keep their diaries clear for the visit of such a prestigious choir. Last October the Chorus toured in China and have regularly performed in the Glasgow Concert Hall. Their repertoire is not restricted to classical works. They are equally at home performing songs from the shows, Scots songs, Glenn Miller and contemporary favourites such as Paul Simon, Lennon and McCartney and many more.

## Plant Sale

Another reminder that the plant sale will take place on Saturday 13 May 2017. A list of plants available will be included in the April Magazine.

Ann Turner

## Flower Donations 2017

<u>March</u>		<u>April</u>	
5	Sheena Love	2	Gail Gray
12	Ann Turner	9	Liz Sutherland
19	Jean Parker	16	Wedding
26	Janette Mumford	23	Wedding
		30	Jessie Brown

Annita Gillespie and Elsa Kirk      Flower Conveners

## HELP WANTED

### Calling all knitters

Some time ago we were involved in the project "Fish and Chip Babies" and knitted a large number of baby jumpers. We hope you will be interested in the new project – TWIDDLEMUFFS. This is to aid those living with dementia or arthritis. The muffs are very simple to knit and it is a simple pattern to follow. It can be made using up oddments of wool and other bits and pieces (bows, buckles, buttons, zips etc. etc.).

Nan Smith has a completed sample to give you an idea what is required.

If you are interested see Nan, Ann or myself for the simple pattern. Please give it a go.

Evelyn Slater

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We would like to thank everyone for collecting pennies for us. These pennies are for McMillan Cancer Support and to date we have collected £121.

Our lessons have been about Jesus the Friend, and how we can be friends.

Sunday School Teachers