

# *Saltcoats St Cuthbert's Church Magazine*



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## *From our Interim Moderator.*

Clark Memorial Manse, Largs. 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

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

Tomorrow I will be going with a group from our Presbytery to Malawi. I will be accompanied by Rev Tanya Webster from Ardrossan, Mrs Deirdre Murray from West Kilbride and Mr Jim Welsh from Largs. Largs St John's has had a longstanding partnership with Katalonji church in Milala Presbytery. We hope to form a partnership with the presbytery so that other congregations in Ardrossan Presbytery can benefit in the way the Katalonji and St John's have. Partnership with churches in overseas helps to remind us of the worldwide nature of the church. We can often become very parochial in our thinking and not have any clue about what is happening in churches elsewhere. I hope that more congregations will link up with churches in Malawi and that St Cuthbert's will be one of them. In Malawi they like to think of themselves as being "the warm heart of Africa". Malawians are very welcoming and friendly and we all gain from partnership with one another.

The last time I visited Malawi, I was deeply impressed by the enthusiasm and vitality of the church. It was full of young people. One minister will typically have a church and 6 – 10 prayer houses where worship is also conducted. The historical links with Scotland in general and the Church of Scotland in particular are greatly valued. David Livingstone had a big influence in Malawi as I think Africa had a big influence on him. Although David Livingstone is interred in Westminster Abbey, at his request his heart was buried in Africa.

The poverty in Malawi is quite striking and many people lack basic necessities. On our first day we bought some bananas which were a

bit overripe. One was stepped on as we were getting into the minibus, so I threw it out into the grass. Three young girls saw me throw it out and before we had driven off, they had picked it up and were sharing it with each other. It was only a little thing but it touched me deeply. Despite having little, they are a generous and hospitable people and I am very much looking forward to visiting again.

Fraternally

David Watson.

*Rev David Watson. Interim Moderator.*

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## *An afternoon to Remember*

A very appreciative audience was treated to a feast of choral music when the City of Glasgow Chorus visited St. Cuthbert's Church recently. There were many spine-tingling moments as the choir moved through their programme of Choral Classics. From their opening piece Zadok the Priest until their final number, Parry's I was Glad the Chorus kept their audience enthralled by their precise and professional performance. It is no surprise to learn that they have shared a stage with many international orchestras and stars in various international venues in Shanghai, Paris and Prague. The superb singing was matched if not surpassed by the magnificent accompaniment and solo playing of David Hamilton who literally pulled all the stops out and made full use of our very fine three manual pipe organ. A wonderful afternoon of musical entertainment enhanced by the setting of our beautiful place of worship.

## *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.

## *Twiddle Muffs*

There has been a great response to this project. Twiddle muffs are hand-knitted and are easy and fun to make using up odd bits of wool and yarn, buttons, bows, bells, pompoms etc.. They provide great stimulation for those with restless hands, particularly those with dementia. This can be an ongoing project for beginners or experienced knitters and you can be as creative as you choose. We now have enough muffs to distribute to three local care establishments and our aim is to have sufficient to reach out to the other care services in our area. If anyone requires a pattern or information about this please speak to Nan or Evelyn. Thank you so much for supporting this project.

*The Afternoon Club.*

## *Book Stall*

We are pleased to say that the bookstall continues to do good business. Thanks to all who regularly buy, provide, and return their books. The total for the year is £190.30p. We will keep the stall there during the summer so please keep browsing through the stock. Keep reading when not knitting Twiddle Muffs. Thank you to everyone for your continuing contributions to the work of the church whatever it may be.

*Evelyn.*

## *Afternoon Club*

The Club stops on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May for the summer break and will resume on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. New members are always welcome. We hope that you all have a lovely warm and relaxing summer break.

*Nan Smith.*

## *Choir*

Anthems for May

7/5.	Before the throne of God above.	Hymn 466
14/5.	Come down, O Love Divine.	Hymn 489
21/5.	For the beauty of the earth.	Hymn 181
28/5.	Summer suns are glowing.	Hymn 225

*Rosemary Smith*

## *The Guild*

Our Guild Session draws to a close on Wednesday April 26, when we visit the Lauriston Hotel for Afternoon Tea.

On Wednesday, April 19, all the Guilds in the Ardrossan Presbytery met in Kilwinning Old (Abbey) Church Hall for an enjoyable afternoon meeting. This was a chance to meet friends made over the years when attending Guild Rallies.

The committee wish you all an enjoyable summer break, and hope the sun will continue to shine.

We will be putting our heads together to plan an interesting and varied programme for the next session. Any original ideas will be most welcome.

We recommence on Wednesday September 6.

*Sheila Sarginson.*

## *Nominating Committee*

We are happy to announce that Saltcoats St Cuthbert's Parish Church is now ready to invite applications from ministers who would like to lead a friendly, welcoming, open and inclusive congregation in God's work in the fine town of Saltcoats.

The Nominating Committee have completed the first part of their remit by finalising the Parish Profile and we invite anyone interested to view it by visiting our church website. [www.saltcoats-stcuthberts.org.uk](http://www.saltcoats-stcuthberts.org.uk)

*Elsa Kirk Clerk to Nominating Committee*

## Summer Choral Concert

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Kilmarnock based choir, A Choired Taste, will present their Summer Concert in the Grand Hall, Kilmarnock at 7.30pm. Tickets priced £7 are available from William (471207) or Ena (464437). A bus will leave the church at 6.30 returning from Kilmarnock at 10pm at a cost of £6.

## Flower Rota

May	June
7 Lesley Boyle	4 Evelyn Slater
14 Gillian Morrison	11 Irene Hogarth
21 Marion Mitchell	18 Ella Gibb
28 Joan Aitken	25 Primrose Canavan

There are dates available in August, September, October and November.

If anyone wishes to make a donation of flowers please contact Elsa or Annita.

*Annita Gillespie [ tel 468101] and Elsa Kirk Flower Conveners*

## Holy Communion

The Communion will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The service will be taken by Rev. Alan Ward who is well known to us and a good friend of this congregation. We extend a warm welcome to all to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

## Marriage

15 April Colin Russell Weir and Deborah Mary Grove, Saltcoats.

## More Inconclusive Travel Plans

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

## June Magazine

The June magazine, the last before the summer break, will be available on Communion Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Articles for inclusion should be sent to William Parker [william.parker1@outlook.com](mailto:william.parker1@outlook.com) by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

**Cleaning Rota overleaf**

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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

## *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

