

# *Saltcoats St Cuthbert's Church Magazine*



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## *From the Interim Moderator*

Clark Memorial Manse, Largs

Dear members and friends of Saltcoats St Cuthbert's

This is harvest-tide, a season when we in the church reflect on God's many blessings in nature. We give thanks for the food which we have in abundance and for the labour of those who produce it. We take for granted that we have a variety of food from all over the world and a good supply of clean water which has been falling from the sky with monotonous regularity over the summer.

Earlier in the year a group of us from Ardrossan Presbytery visited Malawi and were given wonderful hospitality. Malawians generally eat a staple food called nsima which is made from maize flour or cassava roots. It is a thick paste which is fairly tasteless like overcooked rice without any salt. Its main benefit is that it fills the stomach. Some Malawians only eat once or twice in the day. Along with nsima there is a soup made from tomatoes and vegetables which are often pumpkin leaves or okra. On special occasions when meat is eaten it is usually local chicken but sometimes goat. The first time I visited Malawi the minister who was our host invited me to come outside the manse for an African tradition: to meet the goat we were about to have for dinner. Luckily I did not have to watch it being dispatched.

As we sat having lunch in one of the manses during our visit in April the minister commented that all the food we were eating had been produced within five kilometres of where we were eating it. I thought about the food we eat at home which comes from all over the world. Some of the king prawns we eat come from Thailand and other parts of Asia. What I discovered recently is that some of the prawns caught here are flown out to Asia to be cooked and peeled and then flown back here to be sold.

Harvest is a time when we should reflect on these issues. We ought to think about what we could do to ensure that the harvest is better shared and the choices we might make to reduce the food miles our present choices create. Such choices may help make our lifestyles more sustainable and may protect the planet for the next generation.

Fraternally

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### *Mens' Club*

The first meeting of St. Cuthberts Mens' Club will take place on 4th Oct. 2017, from 7 - 9PM. Initially it will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, but should it prove popular, we can perhaps move to twice monthly.

The evenings will consist of Games Nights, Quiz Nights, Discussions, Items of Interest (Ming Dynasty Vases /Da Vinci paintings which you happen to have lying about the house.)

An invitation has been sent to Kirkgate and North Parish Churches and we would also like Church Members to invite along neighbours and friends. Any suggestions for events and donations of games etc would be appreciated.

Hope to see as many of you as possible and that the club will be a success.

*Tom Sommerville*

### *Holy Communion*

This will be celebrated on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### *Presbytery Report*

In September Presbytery met in Largs Clark Memorial Church. In the absence of the retiring Moderator, Rev. Dorothy Grainger, who has been indisposed during a large part of her term as Presbytery Moderator, Rev James McNay conducted the opening procedures.

He then welcomed the new Commissioned Elders and Additional Elders before inviting Rev. David Watson to join the meeting whereupon he was installed as Moderator of Ardrossan Presbytery for 2017/18. Rev Watson thanked members for the honour of his appointment and Rev McNay for deputising for Rev. Grainger. Rev McNay wished Rev Watson success and good health during his period in office particularly as he had no aspirations to be in the roll of Moderator for a third successive year!

Presbytery learned that Rev David Whiteman of Kilbirnie Auld Kirk had decided to leave the Church of Scotland and return to the North East of England. Consequently another charge becomes vacant within the Presbytery. Mr. Archie Currie who has been in our pulpit on a number of occasions has been appointed as Locum at Kilbirnie Auld.

Rev Jonathan Fleming has been called by the linked congregations of Cumbrae and Largs St Johns and will be inducted on 13 October. Dalry St Margaret's were given approval to proceed with installation of new sound systems in the Church and Hall at a cost of around £7000.

The meeting concluded with a presentation by Rev David Watson, Rev Tanya Webster and Mrs Deirdrie Murray on their visit to Malawi earlier this year. *William Parker Presbytery Elder*

## Sunday School

We were pleased to welcome the children on their return after the summer break and look forward to working with them as we learn about the work of Jesus.

We would like to thank everyone who collected pennies during the summer and they have been passed on to us. We have chosen CHAS for our pennies collection this year.

Over the past few weeks there has been a number of articles in the paper about the work they do and feel it is a very worthwhile cause to be supporting.

*Sunday School Teachers*

## The Guild

We were pleased to welcome everyone back after the holidays, and catch up on news.

Rev. David Watson entertained us with an illustrated talk about a recent visit to Malawi. Despite the poverty of the people, they looked very happy, with smiling faces all around. The churches are very well attended; they also supply the schools for the children's education.

Our next meeting will be a talk "Growing up with Granny", followed in a fortnight with a "History of Nursery Rhymes".

A date for your diary is 2 pm. October 18., the Guild Rally in Beith Parish Church.

If any of these topics appeal to you, please feel free to come along - you will be made most welcome.

*Sheila Sarginson*

## Girls Brigade

The new session is now underway. Primary 1 to S6 will meet from 6pm to 7.45pm on Tuesday evenings. Come along and see what the Girls Brigade can offer. For further information contact [lornacelt2001@hotmail.com](mailto:lornacelt2001@hotmail.com) or find us on Facebook.

*Lorna Hamilton Captain*

## Congregational Board

Along with the Kirk Session the following church members operate as the Congregational Board

Primose Canavan	Jean Mitchell
Robin Crilley	Gillian Morrison
Susan Cross	Ian Perrie
Judy Fullerton	Pauline Perrie
Marion Hales	Christine Saunders
Sheena Love	Graeme Sutherland

*Maureen Crilley. Clerk to the Board*

## Choir

Anthems for October

1/10.	Bread of the World.	N. Bowman.
8/10.	O the life you of the world	Hymn 141
15/10.	God of great and God of small	Hymn 174
22/10.	Praise the Lord.	Hymn 169
29/10.	O God you search me.	Hymn 97

*Rosemary Smith*

## *Bible Class*

Diane Lambert resigned as Leader of the Bible Class at the end of last session. We thank her for her years of service and for her good work with the young folk. The Kirk Session are pleased to approve Sarah and Amy Park as the new leaders.

The girls will be supported by Senga and Julie of the Sunday School. I trust that the congregation too will help in any way if required. We wish the girls well. This is just another challenge for them as they are involved with Queen's Badges and Duke of Edinburgh awards. Please pray for the work of the Sunday School and Bible Class that they grow in numbers and thrive in faith.

*Evelyn Slater Session Clerk*

## **Blythswood Shoe Boxes**

Leaflets for this year's appeal are available in the hall and church vestibules. You can either fill your own box or donate items for the boxes. Empty shoe boxes are also always needed. Completed shoe boxes and donated items should be handed in at the church or given to Ann Turner by Sunday 5 November at the latest. Your continued support for this project is greatly appreciated.

## *Keep Fit*

It has been decided meantime that we will meet at 10.30 on a Wednesday morning to go for a walk (weather permitting). Everyone is welcome and walks will be arranged for all abilities. Please come along and 'give it a go'.

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## *Christmas Fair*

The Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

10am – 12.30pm. Admission: Adults £3 Children free.

This includes tea, coffee and home baking.

There will be a variety of stalls. Why not start your Christmas shopping? Santa will pay a visit and the children will have an opportunity to write and post their letters to Santa.

Please come along and join the fun.

Donations of home baking, red and green items and games, books and toys will be much appreciated.

*The Fundraising Team.*

## *Flower Rota*

### OCTOBER

1<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth Murray  
8<sup>th</sup> Marion Mitchell  
15<sup>th</sup> Evelyn Slater  
22<sup>nd</sup> Agnes Algie  
29<sup>th</sup> Patricia Hoyland

### NOVEMBER

5<sup>th</sup> Christine Saunders  
12<sup>th</sup> Lesley Boyle  
19<sup>th</sup> Adele Kerr  
26<sup>th</sup> available

### DECEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> Jenny Horwood  
10<sup>th</sup> Margaret Sommerville  
17<sup>th</sup> available  
24<sup>th</sup> Mary McGonigle  
31<sup>st</sup> John Gray

*Annita Gillespie (tel 468101) and Elsa Kirk* Flower Conveners

## Church Register

Deaths **Sept.**

Mrs. S. Hammersley, Troon formerly Gailles Rd., Barassie.

Mr. W. Mitchell, Mitchell Place.

## Parkers Preserves

The usual selection of jams, jellies and chutneys will be for sale on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Any remaining stock will be available the following Sunday or by calling 471207.

Muriel Parker

## Cleaning Rota

Fri 6 Oct	C Saunders	S Hanlon
Fri 13 Oct	S Love	A Algie
Sun 22 Oct	A Gillespie	J Campbell
Sat 28 Oct	A Kerr	Liz Sutherland
Fri 3 Nov	A Turner	E Kirk
Fri 10 Nov	M Crilley	E Ramsay
Sat 18 Nov	S Cross	N Smith
Fri 24 Nov	S Hanlon	E Murray
Sun 3 Dec	G Morrison	S Turner
Fri 8 Dec	E Kirk	M Parker
Fri 15 Dec	C Saunders	S Hanlon
Fri 22 Dec	S Love	A Algie
Fri 29 Dec	volunteers	

Articles for the October magazine should be with William Parker [william.parker1@outlook.com](mailto:william.parker1@outlook.com) by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

## Religious Humour

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied,

"What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

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Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windscreen wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a ticket with this note: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

# 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