

Saltcoats St Cuthbert's

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From the Interim Moderator

Dear Members and Friends of Saltcoats St Cuthbert's

Recently across Scotland many young people received their SQA exam results. Things have changed since I was in that situation; now students may receive their results by text. I sometimes have flashbacks to the time when the dreaded brown envelope dropped through the letterbox. My Higher results were not as good as I had hoped but in all honesty I knew that had I worked a bit harder I would have done better. It is easy to be wise after the event. I believe that we learn more from our disappointments and failures than we do from our successes.

At some points in all our lives we have to cope with disappointment and failure. Schools today place a great deal of emphasis on resilience and being able to cope with whatever life may throw at you. Learning how to deal with both success and failure is a life skill which often comes with experience.

In his poem "IF" Rudyard Kipling wrote:

" If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same "

We should not be crushed by our disappointments nor should we be carried away by our successes. Our resilience is strengthened by having a network of supportive relationships. That is what our families and our church family should provide. We are ourselves helped when we help other people.

We all have times when we feel under pressure and need the support of others. A U.S. senator was visiting Calcutta and asked to see the project where Mother Teresa and her nuns fed and cared for those whom others had left to die.

The senator was overwhelmed by the sheer magnitude of the suffering the nuns faced every day. He asked Mother Teresa, " How can you bear the load without being crushed by it?"

Mother Teresa replied, " My dear Senator, I am not called to be successful; I am called to be faithful."

We are all called to be faithful and to help each other through our successes and our disappointments.

Fraternally

David Watson

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From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has been working hard over the past few months to advertise our vacancy. Having met the Presbytery Procedure Committee who guided us on our way we set out on task.

Saltcoats St Cuthbert's vacancy was advertised on the Church of Scotland website and in the June edition of Life & Work. The Parish Profile booklet was designed and printed by Alec Wilkie and his staff at Clyde Studios in Saltcoats and approximately 90 copies have been posted to probationers of the church and to a selection of ministers in post.

Our Interim Moderator, Rev David Watson, also took some of our booklets to distribute at the General Assembly. Archie and Adele even posted our advert on their car as they toured the Western Isles.

The Parish Profile may be viewed on the church website www.saltcoats-stcuthberts.org.uk

We would value your prayers for a positive response to our efforts in attracting a minister to this fine church in this fine town.

Elsa Kirk Clerk to the Nominating Committee.

From the Session Clerk

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer break. The organisations will be resuming in September and will be happy to welcome old and new members. Do come along and support them.

The Nominating Committee has been working hard during the summer as you will see from their letter. There is the possibility that any minister interested in our vacancy may attend incognito on a Sunday. It would be good if we could have a good attendance now that the holidays are over.

If we see a visitor do please have a word of welcome. I know we are a welcoming congregation but sometimes we feel too busy. Let's take that extra minute to stop and chat.

There are five vacant charges in our Presbytery. We must do all we can to make St Cuthbert's an attractive proposition to any minister who may be interested.

We are a hard working, friendly congregation and think of others.

Our faith and our church mean a great deal to us. Let this be shown by coming along on Sunday and taking part in the worship and daily life of the church.

Yours in faith,

Evelyn Slater Session Clerk

Diary Dates

The Tuesday morning Service will recommence on 5th September. See the weekly Order of Service for the date of the Harvest Thanksgiving. Also of Holy Communion expected to be 1 October.

Sunday School

The Sunday School will meet for the new session on Sunday the 3rd September.

We look forward to seeing everyone and a warm welcome is extended to any children between 3 - 11 years who wish to join us.

Sunday School Teachers

Choir

The choir will return from their summer break on September 3rd although practices will resume on September 10th at 10.15 prompt.

Sadly, Jessie Brown has decided to retire from the choir. Jessie has been a faithful and committed member of the Soprano section for many years and will be greatly missed.

Thank you Jessie for your dedicated service to the choir which has been much appreciated by us all.

The choir would be delighted to welcome any new members so please feel free to join us on a Sunday morning at 10.15.

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| Anthems | 10/9. | Lead me Lord | Wesley |
| | 17/9. | Christ be with me | Bowman |
| | 24/9. | Think of the world | Hymn 155 |

Rosemary Smith

A New Club?

It has been suggested that a Club might be formed for men in the congregation and local community. Anyone interested should speak to Tom Sommerville who will progress this from comments and suggestions relating to timing and content.

The Guild

The new session commences on Wednesday September 6. with a talk on the theme for this year "Go in Love", given by Rev. David Watson.

The committee look forward to welcoming everyone back from the holiday. Any visitors who care to join with us will be made most welcome.

The following meeting, on September 20 will be "Growing up with Granny".

Please watch the Guild notice boards for "coming attractions".

Sheila Sarginson.

Afternoon Club

The Club resumes on Monday 4th September from 2 – 4pm. where anyone interested can join a Bridge Class for beginners and more experienced players or choose to enjoy some board games.

We also welcome anyone who participates in any form of craft work but always guarantee a cup of tea and a friendly chat.

Nan Smith

Country Dancing

The Country dancing will commence for the new session on 11 September 2017 at 7.30pm.

New members are always welcome.

Why not come along and give it a 'go'?

Ann Turner

Girls Brigade

Registration for session 2017/2018 will take place on Tuesday 29th August **from 6pm to 7pm** in the church hall.

We look forward to welcoming current and new members at that time so come along and register.

All sections, Primary 1 to S6, meet each Tuesday from 6pm to 7.45pm.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Lorna on 01294 558571 or by email at lornacelt2001@hotmail.com.

Lorna Hamilton

1st Saltcoats Boys Brigade

The 1st Saltcoats BB company restarted for session 2017-18 with our enrolment night held on 18th August and our first section nights on 24th and 25th August

The Company is again planning on participating in as many North Ayrshire BB competitions as possible this year.

Going into the new session we are the current champions in North Ayrshire for Drill, something which we hope to retain this session.

If anyone is interested in joining the Company or wishes more information we meet in the Church hall from 6:30-7:30 on Thursday or 6:3--9.30 on Friday.

Gordon Cunningham

Company Captain

Keep Fit

The class is due to start on 30 August but we have currently no teacher. It has been suggested that we meet as usual and take our exercise in a walk. Please see Ann Turner for further information.

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Flower Rota

AUGUST

6th Minnie Chalmers
13th Julie Fisher
20th Margaret Robertson
27th Jean Mitchell

SEPTEMBER

3rd Maureen Crilley
10th Christine Carswell
17th Sheila Hanlon
24th available

OCTOBER

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

Annita Gillespie (tel 468101) and Elsa Kirk

Flower Conveners

Hymn Books

Thank you to the volunteers who refurbished the Hymn Books. To keep them in good condition the congregation are requested to return the hymn books to the front door at the close of the Sunday Service and the Duty Squad are asked to ensure that this happens.

The Gardener's Hymn

All things bright and beautiful
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful
the Lord God made them all.

The fungus on the goosegogs,
the club root on the greens,
the slugs that eat the lettuce
and chew the aubergines.

But what we never mention,
although gardeners know it's true,
is when he made the goodies,
He made the baddies too.

The drought that kills the fuchsias
the frost that nips the buds,
The rain that drowns the seedlings
The blight that hits the spuds.

All things spray and swattable,
disasters great and small,
All things Paraquatable,
the Lord God made them all.

The midges and mosquitos,
the nettles and the weeds,
the pigeons in the green stuff,
The sparrows on the seeds.

The greenfly on the roses,
the maggots in the peas,
Manure that that fills our noses,
He also gave us these.

The fly that gets the carrots,
the wasp that eats the plums,
how black the gardeners outlook,
Though green may be his thumbs.



But still we gardeners labour,
midst vegetables and flowers,
and pray what hits our neighbours',
will somehow bypass ours.

Church Register

Deaths

Aug. Mrs. J. McPhee, formerly Wheatley Gardens

Cleaning Rota

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| Fri 1 Sept | M Crilley | E Ramsay |
| Sat 9 Sept | S Cross | N Smith |
| Fri 15 Sept | S Hanlon | E Murray |
| Sun 24 Sept | G Morrison | S Turner |
| Fri 29 Sept | E Kirk | M Parker |
| 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 | |

Parkers Preserves

As we go to press bramble harvest has started. It is anticipated that the usual selection of jams, jellies and chutneys will be for sale at the beginning of October.

Muriel Parker

Articles for the October magazine should be with William Parker william.parker1@outlook.com by Sunday 24th September.

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