

Saltcoats St Cuthbert's

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From the Interim Moderator

Clark Memorial Manse, Largs.

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

Sunday 4th June is Pentecost, the 50th day after Easter when the church celebrates its "coming of age". The Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples. They were given spiritual gifts as Jesus showed them that he was with them in a new and powerful way enabling them to do things which they never thought they could have done. The Holy Spirit of God still gives gifts to us in the church to do things that we might think are beyond us. For me the Spirit of God takes me out of my comfort zone, by making me stand up in front of people and preaching Sunday by Sunday, something which I still find uncomfortable and challenging but also exhilarating.

During our recent visit to Malawi, the group from Ardrossan Presbytery were given all kinds of gifts when we visited congregations. Very often in my experience it is those who have least who are the most generous. We were given live chickens by people to whom meat is a luxury item. In one congregation Kamilaza, I was presented with a warrior's headdress, a spear and a shield. I have no idea what I will do with them! I wondered if I might be able to use them at Kirk Session meetings if they get out of hand! The Spirit of God sometimes gives us which we might not know how to use at first, but he shows us a way.

Pentecost Sunday is also Communion Sunday in St Cuthbert's and that will add an extra dimension to the celebration, a birthday party for the church. It will also be a special day for another reason, Elsa Kirk and Adele Kerr will be ordained as elders. They have great gifts and they have agreed to use them by serving in the

congregation as elders. I am sure that we will all be blessed as they exercise their gifts. Pray for them as they are ordained and for all the members of the Kirk Session of St Cuthbert's as they carry out their duties in the service of the church.

Fraternally

David Watson.

Rev David Watson.

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From the Session Clerk

“God is our refuge and our strength” “Great is your faithfulness”

How often we have sung these words over the past few years. They have meant so much to us. Now we are “Moving Forward in Faith” another favourite hymn. Over the summer let us reflect on all the good times we have shared and prepare ourselves for the coming year when hopefully we will have a new Minister to lead us forward to a new life for the congregation of St Cuthbert's. There is much to which we can look forward. So many willing helpers. With God's help and guidance we will surely be a “Church of God, filled with the People of God”

Evelyn Slater

Sunday School

We are coming to the end of another session and would like to thank the children for coming along on a Sunday morning. We are planning an outing to “Artastic” in Kilwinning on Saturday 10 June from 11.00am – 1pm. where the children will be able to put their talents to good use painting ceramics. The Sunday School will close for the summer on Sunday 11 June and will restart on Sunday 3 September. A big thank you to everyone who supported our penny collection. The total at present is £194. Wishing everyone a happy time over the summer months.

Sunday School Teachers

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee recently met with the Vacancy Procedure Committee from Presbytery to complete the next stage in the process to advance our search for a new minister.

We pray that our advert in the June issue of Life and Work along with the list on the Church of Scotland website will generate interest from the special person called to work with our congregation in the years ahead.

Plant Sale

This year the plant sale raised over £2300. Grateful thanks are extended to those who helped in any way, boxing plants, transporting plants, buying plants and on the day of the sale.

Ann Turner

Girls Brigade

The company held a very successful Display and Presentation of Awards on Tuesday 23rd May.

The Explorers/Junior entertained with a play on Noah's Ark from the point of view of the animals, the Brigader Section recreated the Generation Game with parents making dresses out of bin bags and swords out of balloons, the conveyor belt was provided by the Juniors and Emma's dad won all the prizes including a cuddly toy. The Juniors completed against the parents in a hula hoop game before the company sang a couple of songs.

The girls were presented with their awards by Mrs Maureen Crilley and Mr Bert McCool made the closing remarks and benediction. We were delighted to present Sarah Park, Brigader, with the Brigader's Brooch. This is the second highest GB award and she is currently working towards obtaining the Queens Award.

Our last night of the session will be Tuesday 30th when, weather permitting, we will enjoy a barbecue and games.

Thank you to everyone who support us throughout the year. We will resume on the 29th of August 2017.

Lorna Hamilton

Boys Brigade

The 2016-17 session has been a successful one for the 1st Saltcoats Boys Brigade.

We have entered the Company Section Scripture Knowledge competition in which we came 3rd and have also managed to win the Company Section Drill competition for the 2nd time in 3 years.

We also have 4 boys going to the North Ayrshire BB Camp in June for a week in Cumbria.

The highlight of the session though has been 3 boys in Company, Anthony Tayler, Craig McLellan and Adam Gibson, getting their Queens badges, the highest award available in the BBs.

We only have games nights left for the session with the company restarting with our enrolment night on August 18th for the 2017-18 session.

Gordon Cunningham Company Captain

Choir

June 4th Let us tongues and talents employ - Hymn 673

This is the last anthem until September.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the choir who faithfully support me and lead the singing every Sunday. It is much appreciated.

Rosemary Smith

Snippets from Presbytery

Rev David Sutherland was inducted recently to Stevenston Ardeer and Livingston churches.

Ardrossan Park and Stevenston High churches wish to move to the Unitary Constitution.

The annual report of the Guild Presbyterial Council was presented by their convenor Mrs Moira Buchanan. A short DVD was shown highlighting that the Guild is not just a tea and chat group. It has been in existence for 130 years and during the last year nationally over £400,000 has been collected to support 6 varying charities.

It was approved that Rev. David Watson will be the Moderator of the Ardrossan Presbytery for 2017/18. I am sure we would all want to wish him well during his year in of office and thank him for his support and guidance as our Interim Moderator.

The electoral registers of Cumbrae, Largs St Johns and Dalry St Margarets have been attested meaning that they too are well on their way to advertising for a new minister.

Kirkgate have received permission to proceed with steeple repairs.

A new Prayer Cycle has been produced and a brief report on the recent visit to Malawi was given by David Watson, Convenor of the Mission Committee. This Committee are presently preparing a presentation to be brought to all kirk sessions to make them more aware of how presbytery works.

William Parker Presbytery Elder

Flower..Rota

June

4 Evelyn Slater
11 Irene Hogarth
18 Ella Gibb
25 Primrose Canavan
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July

2 available
9 Margaret Douglas & Senga McCallum
16 Margaret Sommerville
23 Susan Cross
30 Catherine Stewart

August

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

September

3 Maureen Crilley
10 Christine Carswell
17 Sheila Hanlon
24 available

There are dates available in July, September, October & November.

If anyone wishes to donate flowers please contact Elsa or Annita.

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

The Final List of Inconclusive Travel Plans

Sometimes I think I am in Vincible but life shows me I am not.

People keep telling me I'm in Denial but I'm positive I've never been there before!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

Cleaning Rota

Sat 10 June	G Sutherland	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
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	A Kerr	Liz Sutherland
Fri 25 Aug	A Turner	E Kirk
Fri 1 Sept	M Crilley	E Ramsay
Sat 9 Sept	S Cross	N Smith
Fri 15 Sept	S Hanlon	E Murray

As usual there will be no magazine in July and August.
Items for inclusion in the September issue should be sent to
William at william.parker1@outlook.com by Sunday 20 August.

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

