

Weekly Calendar

- Sundays: 10.45 a.m. - Morning Service,
Sunday School and Youth Group
- Mondays: 2.00 p.m. – Afternoon Club
for bridge play & instruction, crafts, etc
1.30 p.m. – Rennie Dance Academy
7.30 p.m. – Country Dancing
(a social dancing class)
- Tuesdays: 6.00 p.m. – Girls Brigade
7.00 p.m. – (fortnightly) Mens Club
- Wednesdays: 10.30 a.m. – Walking Group
11.30 a.m. – Community Cafe
(2nd & 4th Wednesdays)
2.00 p.m. -(fortnightly) The Guild
6.00 p.m. - Weightwatchers
- Thursdays: 9.30 a.m. – Mother and Toddler Group
6.30 p.m. – Anchor Boys
- Fridays: 6.00 p.m. Boys Brigade

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From the Interim Moderator

Dear Members and Friends of Saltcoats St. Cuthbert's

Easter is a moveable feast. In the Western church its date depends on the date of the Passover Festival because we know from the gospel record that Jesus was crucified at the time of the Passover. The date of Passover is determined by the lunar and not the solar calendar which means that the date of Easter changes every year according to our calendar. Easter always comes within a certain "window": sometimes it is early; sometimes it is later. This year Easter day comes somewhere in the middle. It falls on the 1st of April which is also known as April Fools' Day. In Scotland at one time it was known as "hunt the gowk day". It is of course a time for pranks and playing practical jokes.

In the Greek Orthodox tradition, the day after Easter was devoted to telling jokes. The tradition derives from the idea that they were imitating the cosmic joke that God played on the devil when he raised Jesus from death. When Jesus died on the cross, the devil thought that he had won, and was smug in his victory, smiling to himself, having had the last word - or so he thought. Then it all changed when at the Resurrection, life and salvation became the last words. This is the very central belief of the Christian faith that sin, evil and death may triumph for a time but the last words belong to God and they are goodness, truth, life and love.

It is interesting to think of Easter in the context of April Fools' Day. In his first letter to the church in Corinth, the apostle Paul writes, "For God in his wisdom made it impossible for people to know him by means of their own wisdom. Instead, by means of the so-called "foolish" message we preach, God decided to save those who believe....for what seems to be God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and what seems to be God's weakness is stronger than human strength."

May you and your loved ones know God's richest blessing this Easter as we celebrate the triumph of life over death and love over hatred. This year we may play a few pranks at the same time!

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Afternoon Club

Many thanks to everyone who is supporting our Poppy Appeal. The response to date has been very encouraging. Please feel free to join us with this project. Poppies can be knitted, crocheted, felted or sewn. Knitting patterns are available if desired from Nan on Sundays at Church or Monday afternoons (2pm) at the Afternoon Club.

Nan Smith

St Cuthbert's Community Cafe

We had our first cafe on the 14th, The lentil soup was ready on time as was the minestrone soup and was a sold out (Souper !!)

Our cafe will be back on Wed. 28th March at 11:30 AM - 1:30PM

Donations of home baking, books and magazines would be gratefully appreciated.

Call in, catch up, fill up and relax in great company!

Menu (Special) Mince and Tatties £3:50

Soup £1:50, Sandwiches £1:50, Cake 50p, Tea & Coffee £1:00 (Free refill)

Over the coming months we will be looking at topics on Healthy eating, Dementia, Diabetes.

We will have a book stall, magazines and games table.

Looking forward to meeting you all.

Angela Beattie Tel:01294 829612

Choir

April Anthems

1/4.	Jesus is risen.	Hymn 409
8/4.	Now the green blade riseth.	Hymn 417
15/4	There is a longing in our hearts.	Hymn 720
22/4.	Spirit of God.	Hymn 722
29/4.	Loving God in heaven above.	Hymn 711

Rosemary Smith

Joan Gordon

It was with great sadness that the congregation learned of the death of their former organist, Joan Gordon. Joan retired 3 years ago after over 35 years of making the rafters ring playing the organ. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joan's family at this sad time. Joan's funeral will be on Thursday 29 March at 9.45am.

Presbytery Report

Discussions with representatives of the Presbyteries of Ayr and Irvine and Kilmarnock continue regarding a possible future united Presbytery. At the May Presbytery meeting Rev. Elizabeth Watson will speak on the 50th Anniversary of Woman's Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Rev. Dorothy Grainger is demitting office from Kirkgate Church on 17th April. The initial application for visas for the four visitors from Milala was turned down but appears to be going through now.

William Parker Presbytery Elder

Girls Brigade

On Friday 9th of March Emma McKechan and Katie McQuistin (Juniors) and Amy Park (Brigader) represented the company at the Division Bible Competition and I am delighted to say that our winning streak this session is continuing as the girls were placed 3rd. The girls had to study Matthew Chapter 5, verses 1 -16 (Beatitudes). During the evening all activities were based on the passage learned. They were asked to perform a drama, complete a crossword, rewrite the Beatitudes, complete a jigsaw dash and craft as well as completing a separate bible knowledge quiz. As well as the competitive side to the evening the girls and leaders enjoyed fun and fellowship with girls from Irvine, Stevenston, Kilmarnock and Largs.

As Easter fast approaches we will be completing our badgework items in anticipation of our awards presentations towards the end of May.

In April the Explorers and Juniors will be heading to Kelburn for a Mad Hatters Tea Party organised by GB Scotland as part of the 125th Celebrations. We will join with girls from all over Scotland. This will be the first of our celebrations and will take place on Saturday 28th April.

Lorna Hamilton. Captain.

Deaths

Feb. Mr. A. Ferguson, formerly Kenilworth Drive, Saltcoats
Mar. Mr. G. Parker, Little Busbie, Ardrossan
Mrs. J. Gordon, formerly Raise Street, Saltcoats

The Guild

We were delighted to welcome new church member Bea Nicholson to our Guild. We had a very interesting talk and film about communicating through music with people who have Dementia. It was amazing to see how someone, who had been locked in their own world for years, would suddenly respond to a song they knew from the past, to talk for the first time in three years, with the joy it brought to a despairing family.

We join with the Church at 2pm for the Maundy Thursday Communion, so there will be no Guild meeting on Wednesday March 28.

Our AGM will be held on April 4.; we will be entertained after the Business part by Rosemary Smith who we always enjoy having with us.

The last meeting of this session will be on April 25 when we will see and hear about Glasgow's Hidden Treasures, Part 2., with David Walker.

Unfortunately, the Songs of Praise planned to be held in our Church, was cancelled, due to bad weather. It is hoped to hold this at a later date.

The Guild will be serving tea after the Sunday morning service in April.

Sheila Sarginson.

Sunday School

Easter is almost upon us and we have been decorating the boards again. It seems no time since we took down the Christmas boards. We have depicted the Easter story for many years now and the displays have lasted well. We hope you enjoy seeing them as much as we enjoy putting them up.

We put the wrong dates in last month's magazine for the Easter break. There will be no Sunday School on 1st and 8th April.

We wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Sunday School Teachers

Cleaning Rota

Fri 30 March	A Turner	E Kirk
Fri 6 April	M Crilley	E Ramsay
Sat 14 April	S Cross	N Smith
Fri 20 April	S Hanlon	E Murray
Sun 29 April	G Morrison	S Turner
Fri 4 May	E Kirk	M Parker
Fri 11 May	C Saunders	S Hanlon
Fri 18 May	S Love	A Algie
Sat 26 May	A Gillespie	J Campbell
Sat 2 June	A Kerr	Liz Sutherland
Fri 8 June	A Turner	E Kirk
Fri 15 June	M Crilley	E Ramsay
Sat 23 June	S Cross	N Smith
Fri 29 June	S Hanlon	E Murray

A Little Humour

A new minister was visiting the homes of his parishioners.

At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

In the offering plate the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned and on it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10." Reaching for his Bible to check the passage, he broke into laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

Not sure even the brave souls in Saltcoats would go to that length to attract a new minister!

Plant Sale – order form

This year the plant sale will be on Saturday 12 May 2018 at 2.00pm.
Help on the day of the sale and to transport plants on Friday 11 May will be most appreciated.

The following plants will be available and can be ordered anytime before the sale. Any plants ordered can be collected or delivered at a mutually suitable time, either before or after the sale. (by 24 May at the latest)

Plants available: PACK SIZE IN BRACKETS

Blue Ageratum (6)	White Alyssum (8)
Antirrhinum - dwarf (6)	Bacopa pink and white (single)
Brachycome (Swan River Daisy) (6)	Bedding Begonia (6)
Busy Lizzie (6)	Dwarf Dahlia (6)
Dianthus dwarf (6)	
Trailing Fuchsia (single)	Godetia (8)
Upright Fuchsia (single)	Geranium (mixed) (single)
Geranium (red) (Single)	Geranium (pink)(single)(limited)
Geranium (Ivy Leaf)(single) limited supply	
Trailing Lobelia (mixed, dark blue, white)(10)	
Ordinary Lobelia (dark blue, white)(10)	Climbing petunia (single)
French Marigold (8)	Tagetes (6)
Livingstone Daisy (12)	Mimulus (6)
Nemesia (8)	Nicotiana (6)
Pansy (12)	Petunia (all mixed colours) (12)
Trailing Petunia (various colours)(single pots)	
Salvia (red) (6)	Stock (6)
Verbena Bonarensis (6+ in pot)	
Sweet Pea (tall (single)	Sweet pea – trailing (3)
Bedding Verbena (4)- small quantity only	
Viola (6)	Tomato (bush, and tall)

Cosmos (single pot of 10+ plants) tall 4ft and medium 2ft heights
Nasturtium, Diascia, Sunflowers, Lupins, Dahlias, calabachoa

PRICES

Geranium, Trailing Petunia, Tomatoes, Diascia, Fuchsia, Bacopa, £1 (6 for £5)

Sweet peas 50p each tube (mainly 2 plants) £5 per dozen

Large ivy leaf geranium, large trailing petunia, large fuchsia etc, £2 or £3 depending on size

Petunia, Livingstone daisy, pansy, dahlia £3 per pack Cosmos £3

3,4,6, 8 and 10 packs - all £1.50 Large pots of seedlings £2 to £3

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April Flower Rota

1	Gillian Morrison
8	Irene Hogarth
15	Liz Sutherland
22	donation
29	Jessie Brown

Annita Gillespie and Elsa Kirk, Flower Conveners

Diary Dates at a Glance

Mar 28	Community Cafe
Mar 29	Maundy Thursday Communion 3pm with Rev. A Ward
Apr 4	Guild AGM
Apr 10	Men's Club Kilwinning Archers
Apr 11	Community Café
Apr 24	Men's Club War Graves Commission
Apr 25	Community Cafe
Apr 25	Guild – Hidden Memories
May 12	Plant Sale
Sept	Fashion Show
Ongoing	

Items for Foodbank

Sunday School pennies collection for the Children's Hospice

