

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) Men's 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

Scottish Charity Number: SC 002905

Note: Most of the organisations are now having their summer break. Please check the September Magazine or Church website for starting dates of the new session.

Saltcoats St Cuthbert's Church Magazine



St Cuthbert's Youth Group members Megan Roberts, Sarah and Amy Park who along with 3 Kilwinning youngsters raised £1710 for the Teenage Cancer Trust collecting the highest total at any Aldi store in the UK. Aldi management and TCT organisers praised their conduct and enthusiasm and said they had been a credit to themselves, their families and their church.

June 2018

Website: www.saltcoats-stcuthberts.org.uk

Email: stcuthberts100@btinternet.com

Diary Dates at a Glance

May 29 Girls' Brigade Display
June 2 Sunday School Outing
Concert in Kilmarnock
June 4 Decorating!!
June 5 Guild Rally Cumberae
June 13 & 27 Community Café
Aug 1 Induction of Rev. Sarah Nicol (provisional date)
Oct Fashion Show
Ongoing Items for Foodbank
Sunday School pennies collection for the Children's Hospice

From the Interim Moderator

Dear Members and Friends of Saltcoats St. Cuthbert's,

In July, Julie and I are going to a friend's wedding in South Africa. When planning a trip it is always a dilemma to decide what to take and what not to take. I can sometimes spend up to a full half-hour packing my bags!

Airlines are very strict about the luggage allowance and there are steep charges for excess baggage. This helps passengers focus their minds on what is necessary and what is not. The Latin word for baggage is *impedimentum*. Too much baggage literally impedes our progress; it slows us down and holds us back. One way or another we all carry too much baggage; things we shall never need. It is good to think from time to time about how much stuff we are carrying including emotional baggage: things we would be better letting go; things that have become a dead weight: anger, resentments, disappointments, frustrations, let downs, fall outs, perceived slights. All of these are excess baggage which impedes our progress and carries a cost. Just as we have to be judicious about what we really need to take with us on holiday, we ought to think about the excess emotional baggage that we really ought to leave behind.

This applies to churches too. I am delighted that the congregation has called Rev. Sarah Nicol to be the minister. She will have her own ideas and her own vision for the future. There may be practices which the congregation will have to leave behind as excess baggage to be dumped in order to move forward. A good relationship between the minister and the congregation is vital to allow the church to progress. Ideally you bring out the best in her and she brings out the best in you.

I am grateful to Bert McCool for conducting services during the vacancy and for his willingness to serve. I have enjoyed working with your office bearers who are a very committed and hard-working team and not only that, good fun. I hope that you will pray for Sarah and her family as she prepares to move to Saltcoats and that you will give her your whole-hearted support and encouragement when she comes. The Service of Induction, subject to the agreement of Prebytery, will take place on Wednesday 1st August 2018. It promises to be an exciting summer for St. Cuthbert's. I hope that you are able to take some time to relax too.

Faternally,

David Watson.
Rev. David Watson

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Session Clerk Retires

On Sunday 20th May our Session Clerk announced to the congregation that the Kirk Session had accepted her decision to retire from her post and that Elsa Kirk had agreed to replace her in that role within the St Cuthbert's list of Officer Bearers. As Clerk to the Nominating Committee Elsa has already established good communication with Rev Sarah Nicol who was recently elected to be our new minister.

Although at the Annual Stated Meeting in 2017 Evelyn had intimated her intention to retire before the arrival of a new minister most of the congregation were taken by surprise by her decision that now was the right time to hand over the reins

Evelyn has been a faithful servant to this church over more than twenty years having previously been clerk to the Congregational Board before becoming Session Clerk. Particularly during the last seven years since the departure of Rev. Brian Oxburgh, she has been the glue that has held the team together working quietly and efficiently to ensure that the church continued to run smoothly.

It must have been challenging in recent years to adapt to and prepare for the many changing occupants of the pulpit be they ministers, locums, interim moderators or readers. She must surely have lost count!

Evelyn will continue to work with Elsa to prepare for the forthcoming Communion and has made it clear that she is only retiring as Session Clerk. She will continue to be busy wearing the many other hats that have kept her busy over the years within this and the wider Church.

No words are enough to convey the huge debt that this congregation owes Evelyn for the work she has done and will continue to do in the many other roles that she fills.

From the Session Clerk

Since I first entered St Cuthbert's to occupy a pew as an adult, many people have offered me encouragement and support over many years. In the early days the support of Margaret McColl, Hilda McGregor, Norman Elliott, Rev John Johnston, Hugh Smith and Senga McCallum helped me in so many ways. In the Boys' Brigade years, Chris Knight was a source of support and encouragement. Hunter and Ena have been more than close friends over the years and have helped me through some very difficult times. In more recent times I have been blessed to have had the friendship and encouragement of so many and certainly on the Nominating Committee.

Since the dawn of civilisation the entrance to sacred places has been guarded by Twin Pillars. Whether the Pillars of Hercules; of Freemasonry; of Solomon's Temple; of Harry Potter; of Kanye West video, two pillars support a structure and mark the passage to what is yet to come. For sure, Ann and Evelyn have been the Twin Pillars of St Cuthbert's for so many years.

Evelyn has been such a guide and stay to me. She has worked tirelessly for this church and has sought no reward. She stood at the end of the front pew more than five years ago when I thought my heart was broken forever and encouraged me to move forward in my faith and my commitment to the church. I cannot thank her enough for what she has done for me, in her own quiet way, and I will never be able to fill her shoes as Session Clerk. However I shall do my best for this church as she has done for twenty years.

As your "slightly worn" rather than "new" Session Clerk, I need your help; your support and your prayers for the road ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact me in person or by telephone (467166) or by email : elsak1949@hotmail.co.uk .

Elsa Kirk
2 Crathie Drive
Ardrossan KA22 8HQ

The Call

It is with great delight that it can be recorded that well over 100 members have signed the Call for Rev. Sarah Nicol to become the new minister of Saltcoats St Cuthberts and over 80 have added their names to the Paper of Concurrence.

The provisional date for the Induction Service is 1st August. Details of the Service and confirmation of the date will be announced in due course most probably in the Sunday Order of Service.

All members and friends are encouraged to attend this very important event in the life, work and history of our beautiful place of worship.

In this the 50th Anniversary of female ordination in the kirk Sarah will be the first woman to be inducted here in the 110 year history of this building.

Ceilidh

Saturday March 24th saw a Family Ceilidh, with all ages represented in the Church from babes in arms, to some very spritely friends of Methusala!

Music was provided by the MacFadyen Sisters, who kept boys & girls, grans and grandads dancing all night (and occasionally gave us time to catch our breath!), the kids showing up the adults with their boundless energy.

Dance prizes were spread across the age range too, and the regular bowlers found it's a wee bit tricky playing against 4 year olds, when rolling a tattie.

Thanks go to everyone who helped make it a great night; whether helping out, making donations, or just coming along to enjoy the music and craic. As an added bonus, the evening realised a nice little profit, with church funds benefitting by £202.

Graeme Sutherland

The Guild

Our session ended with a visit to the Lauriston Hotel, where we enjoyed a delicious Afternoon Tea.

We look forward to welcoming both old and new members on 5th of September. We will be "Seeking the Way", our theme for the new session, when we meet again.

We hope you have a lovely summer break, basking in the sunshine. Remember, the Summer Rally is 2 pm June 5. on Cumbrae.

Sheila Sarginson

Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding training for new volunteers and volunteers wishing to update training will take place as follows:

Date: Saturday 9th JUNE AT WEST KILBRIDE CHURCH
 Saturday 13th OCTOBER AT KIRKGATE PARISH CHURCH
 Sunday 4th NOVEMBER AT BEITH PARISH CHURCH

Time: 9th June and 13th Oct.
 9.45am registration for prompt start 10am until 1pm
 Sunday 4th November starts 2.30pm

SESSION TRAINING

This is for any members who have yet to undergo Safeguarding Training.
Tuesday 18th September at 7pm in Beith Parish Church.

Anyone wishing to attend the above Training please contact
Maureen Crilley, Safeguarding Co-ordinator Tel. 01294 464294 ASAP.

Plant Sale

The total for the plant sale so far is just over £2190 with a few more plants to sell. Thanks to all who boxed plants, transported plants and helped on the day of the sale.

It has been a difficult growing season this year but we were blessed with good weather on the day of the sale.

Many thanks again on behalf of myself and the church.

Ann Turner

Girls' Brigade

As part of GB Scotland 125th celebrations the Explorers and Juniors attended a Mad Hatters Tea Party at Kelburn Country Park on Saturday 28th April along with around 900 girls from all over Scotland. The sun shone all day long while we searched for clues to find the Queens missing tarts, watched the Mad Hatter make his mysterious potions, toasted marshmallows, explored the park, took part in a treasure hunt etc. We enjoyed a lovely lunch which was provided for us following which Alice came to visit. Our closing service was a very lively one enjoyed by all. At the end of the day we all gathered together for an overhead photo taken by a drone. Check out 5th Saltcoats and Girls' Brigade Scotland Facebook pages for photos.

Our next celebration was organised by the Division and took place on 12th May. We all met at Saltcoats Station before heading off on the 10.20am train to Largs. Once again we were blessed with a glorious day. All companies met at the Vikingar which was our base for the day. Activities for the day were circus skills, crafts, putting and a treasure hunt. Our dinner was delivered to the Vikingar on a trailer pulled along by a mobility scooter courtesy of the local chippie. Following dinner we all walked along the prom to St. John's Church for our closing service. Once again this was extremely uplifting and entertaining and included a trio of singers of the puppet variety.

As the service drew to a close the Minions (those little yellow men) sent us a video message before they sang Happy Birthday. Before heading for the train we had time to treat ourselves to an ice cream (a must when visiting Largs) arriving back in Saltcoats with the sun still shining on us just after 8pm. Again photos are on Facebook.

Our display and presentation of awards will be on Tuesday 29th May at 6.30pm. This will be my last official duty as Captain and it has been my privilege to have held this position since 1990. I wish the company every success for the future and hope that it will continue. If anyone is interested in becoming an Officer or helper please feel free to speak to me anytime to find out how to go forward. A report on the display will be provided for the next edition of the magazine.

Our final night for the session will be on Tuesday 5th June when we hope to be shown how to make slime properly by Arty Party Crafts.

Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported myself and the company over many years.

Lorna Hamilton. Captain.

Choir

The choir is delighted to welcome two new members - Bea Nicholson and David Mundell. I hope they will enjoy singing with us. Any other members of the congregation who would like to join the choir will be made most welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the choir for their constant support in leading the hymn singing on a Sunday morning.

Their contribution is invaluable and greatly appreciated!

During July and August the choir members sit in the congregational pews so the final anthems until September are:-

3/6 Let us tongues and talents employ. Hymn 673
10/6. Longing for light. Hymn 543

Rosemary Smith

Community Cafe

Wed 13th & 27th June 11:30am - 1:30pm

The Café will be having a summer break **Re-opening 12th Sept.**



Sample Menu

Special £3.50
Chicken & Leek Pie
Lasagne
Soup £1.50
Cake 50p
Sandwiches £1.50
Tea & Coffee £1
Free refill

Wed. 27th June

The Fire Brigade will deliver a short talk on home safety.

Message in a Bottle Scheme.

This is for emergency information and is available **Free** for anyone who feels vulnerable while living at home.

It provides Emergency Services with vital details of any illness or allergy as well as a contact name if they are called to your home. We still have a few bottles left if anyone would like one. This was introduced by the Hunterston Rotary Club and is supported by the NHS, Police, Fire and Ambulance services.

Angela Beattie 829612

Mens' Club

The Club held it's last meeting on the 8th of May and will start up again at the beginning of October.

We hope as many Gentlemen, and Ladies, as possible can come along.

An all-star cast is being prepared (no expense spared), so don't miss out!

Have a lovely Summer.

Tom Sommerville

Flower Donations

June	July. 1st	Catherine Stewart
3 rd Evelyn Slater	8 th	Senga McCallum and Margaret Douglas
10 th Irene Hogarth	15 th	Margaret Sommerville
17 th Ella Gibb	22 nd	Flower Fund or donor.
24 th Primrose Canavan	29 th	Susan Cross.



August. 5th	Patricia Hoyland
12 th	Julie Fisher.
19 th	Margaret Robertson
26 th	Muriel Parker.

Annita Gillespie and Elsa Kirk Flower convenors

Sunday School

Our outing on the 2nd June is at Kelburn Country Park and the bus will leave the church at 11.00 am returning at approx. 4.30pm.

We are all looking forward to having a great day.

The Book Service will be on Sunday 10th June when the Sunday School will close for the summer, resuming again in September.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the year.

Sunday School Teachers

Website

Information to be considered for the church website should be passed to Bea Nicholson, 4 Dykesmains Rd, Saltcoats. 01294 468446 or bea.nicholson@gmail.com

From the Fabric Convenor

St Cuthbert's has large grounds and with things now bursting into life I'd like to thank members for cutting the grass and tending the borders. The current squad are to be assisted by Allan and David in maintaining the grounds. If anyone would like to join the team just let me know.

The interior of the church property also requires regular tidying up and the Choir and Session Rooms are next on the list. Any budding decorators should come along w/c 4th June at 6.00pm with paint brush and/or roller in hand. Check in with me on 464790.

Archie Kerr Fabric Convenor

Cleaning Rota

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
Sun 8 July	G Morrison	S Turner
Fri 13 July	E Kirk	M Parker
Fri 20 July	C Saunders	S Hanlon
Fri 27 July	S Love	A Algie
Sat 4 August	A Gillespie	J Campbell
Sat 11 August	A Kerr	Liz Sutherland
Fri 17 August	A Turner	E Kirk
Fri 24 August	M Crilley	E Ramsay
Sat 1 Sept	S Cross	N Smith
Fri 7 Sept	S Hanlon	E Murray
Sun 16 Sept	G Morrison	S Turner
Fri 21 Sept	E Kirk	M Parker
Fri 28 Sept	C Saunders	S Hanlon
Fri 5 Oct	S Love	A Algie

***** Fraud Warning *****

Never give out financial information (such as your bank account details or your PIN) over the phone, even if the caller claims to be from your bank. Be wary of anyone asking for personal information such as your passport details.

If you feel harassed or intimidated, or if the caller talks over you without giving you a chance to speak, end the call. If you're unsure whether the caller is genuine, you can always ring the company or bank they claim to be from.

Make sure you find the number yourself (from a letter, statement, the phone book, or their official website) and don't use the one provided by the caller. If you're using the same phone, try calling someone you know first to make sure the line is free, or wait at least 10 minutes between calls to make sure scammers have hung up.

Don't be rushed

Scammers will try to rush you into providing your personal details. They may say they have an offer or an investment that is time-limited.

Alternatively, they may say your money or your bank account is at risk if you don't give them the information they need right away. These tactics are designed to pressure you but don't be rushed into doing something you're not sure about.