

# 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  
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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# Saltcoats St Cuthbert's Church Magazine



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## *From our "Deputy" Locum*

Hello to everyone in St Cuthbert's

It's a great pleasure for me to be writing this magazine letter for you. While the Locum is away for five or six Sundays, I've been preaching again in your pulpit and it's nice to be back. Thank you for the warm welcome on my return – it's now more than two years since my first appearance.

About that warm welcome – the failure of the gas pipe at St Cuthbert's has meant that the sanctuary heating has not been exactly reliable. As a result, a couple of Sundays we have worshipped in the hall. It was lovely and warm and we all sat in the one area, and I felt it was much more intimate, relaxed and informal. For a visitor (like me) it gave a good family feeling. Perhaps it also meant that we were sitting next to different people from those we sit near when in the sanctuary, and this is an opportunity for new conversations and even new friendships.

Now, I'm not suggesting that God caused the faulty gas pipe, but he does sometimes disrupt our familiar thoughts and behaviour. The result can be that we think about doing new things in new ways. Some change can be very good for us!

I pray that your Nominating Committee will soon be successful in its search for your new minister, and that God will prompt just the right person to apply.

May God bless you all.

*Alan H. Ward.*

## *Communion*

The Communion service on 4<sup>th</sup> February will be conducted by Rev. Alan Ward. This will be his last Sunday with us for the present and we are very grateful to him for "minding the shop" while our Locum Bert was visiting family on the other side of the world.

On that day Certificates will be presented to elders, choir members and Sunday School teachers for many years of dedicated service to the church.

To mark this very special occasion a lunch has been arranged in Dalgarven House Hotel and it is hoped that as many of the congregation as possible will be able to come along.

Tickets priced £15 can be purchased from William, Hunter or Elsa by 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Transport will be arranged for anyone who requires it.

## *Mens Club*

The club held a meeting on the 16th Jan. at which Robert Brown kindly came along with his collection of slides of "Old Saltcoats".

It was a most enjoyable presentation and the changes to the town are quite remarkable with some of the slides dating back to 1880/1890. Our thanks once again to Robert.

The next meeting of the club will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> January and all are welcome to come along.

*Tom Sommerville*

## *Cleaning Rota*

Sat 3 February	S Cross	N Smith
Fri 9 February	S Hanlon	E Murray
Sun 18 February	G Morrison	S Turner
Fri 23 February	E Kirk	M Parker
Fri 2 March	C Saunders	S Hanlon
Fri 9 March	S Love	A Algie
Sat 17 March	A Gillespie	J Campbell
Sat 24 March	A Kerr	L Sutherland
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

## *World Day of Prayer*

The annual World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday 2nd March at 2pm in St Mary's Church.

Members from each of the seven local churches will be taking part. Everyone is welcome at this service where we join with worshippers around the world sharing in the same words on the same day.

There will be the opportunity to chat with friends over a cup of tea and cake at the close of the service.

*Evelyn Slater.*

## *Bank Closure*

Members may not be aware that the Church banks with The Royal Bank of Scotland.

The congregational board have not as yet made any decision regarding the opening of another account with the Bank of Scotland.

It is not proposed to close the Royal Bank account but to open another account to facilitate the lodgement of cash etc.

It would considerably reduce the problem of cash lodgements if more people contributed by Bank Standing Order.

I would therefore ask all those who are willing and able to do so to consider this method of giving.

Forms for this purpose will be available in the vestibules.

Many thanks

*Ann Turner*

## *Sunday School*

Over the next few weeks the children will be learning the story of Moses. As well as hearing the story of his life the children will be doing craft work which will be displayed on the boards and we hope you will look at this when you are in the hall.

Our pennies collection is now at £62 for the Childrens Hospice and we would like to thank you for your support.

*Sunday School Teachers*

## *Guild*

Unfortunately, our first meeting in the New Year had to be cancelled due to bad weather; however, we hope to hear about the work of the "Street Pastors" at the end of April.

On Wednesday, January 31, we are to be entertained by the senior pupils of Caledonia School, who are giving us a Burns Presentation. This will be an open meeting, and everyone is invited to come along and support these talented young people.

February 7., our Guild is taking the meeting at South Beach House.

February 14., we have our Valentine Tea Party.

February 28., the Guild Presbyterial Council will be presenting Songs of Praise in our Church at 2 pm.

*Sheila Sarginson.*

## *Death*

December Miss E. Wilson, formerly Christie Gardens

## *Welcome*

We are delighted to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Nicholson who have moved into our Parish from Berwick on Tweed. Ray and Bea were actively involved in St Andrew's Wallace Green & Lowick Church in the Borders area. We look forward to them worshipping with us and wider participation once Bea has recovered from her hip operation. Please ensure that they are warmly welcomed.

## *Choir*

Anthems for February

4/2. This is the body of Christ. Hymn 799

11/2 There is a longing in our hearts. Hymn 720

18/2. Forty days and forty nights. Hymn 337

25/2. Praise I will praise you Lord. Hymn 175

*Rosemary Smith*

## *Flower Rota*

January	February	March
7 Betty Morrison	4 The Guild	4 Sheena Love
14 Agnes Algie	11 Jean Mitchell	11 Ann Turner
21 Elsa Kirk	18 Eileen Ramsay	18 Jean Parker
28 Jane Chalmers	25 Nancy Smith	25 Janette Mumford

Many thanks for all the donations towards the poinsettias and the flower fund in December.

*Annita Gillespie and Elsa Kirk, Flower Conveners*

## *God's Email*



One day God was looking down at earth and saw all of the rascally behaviour that was going on. He called one of His angels and sent the angel to earth for a time.

When he returned, he told God, 'Yes, it is bad on Earth; 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are not.'

God thought for a moment and said, 'Maybe I had better send down a second angel to get another opinion.'

So God called another angel and sent him to earth for a time, too.

When the angel returned he went to God and said, 'Yes, it's true. The earth is in decline; 95% are misbehaving, but 5% are being good.'

God was not pleased. He decided to email the 5% who were good because He wanted to encourage them, give them a little something to help them keep going.

Do you know what the email said?

No? Just wondered. I didn't get one either!

## *Afternoon Club*

The ladies of the Afternoon Club are starting a new project and would welcome any ladies in the congregation to join in. The project is knitting or crocheting poppies in the hope we can produce enough to attach to a cloth of some kind to display in the church on Remembrance Sunday. An easy pattern for a knitted Poppy will be available soon but you can use any pattern at all. Your help with this project will be very much appreciated and it is hoped our work can be displayed on Remembrance Sundays for many years.

*Nan Smith*

## *Diary Dates*

Feb 4 Communion, Long Service Presentation & Lunch

Mar 2 World Day of Prayer

Mar 24 Family Ceilidh

Ongoing

Sunday School pennies collection for the Childrens Hospice

Items for Foodbank



\*\*\* Please note the change of date to March 24<sup>th</sup> \*\*\*

## **FAMILY CEILIDH**

**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**7PM-11PM**

**PIE & PEA SUPPER**

**BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE**

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