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Minister's Letter

St. Cuthbert's Manse

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Dear friends,

We are delighted to be part of the family of St. Cuthbert's Church and look forward to sharing with you all in worship, fellowship and service.

We have been touched by the warm welcome you have given us on our arrival in the town. Thank you very much for the greetings cards sent to the manse, for the flowers offered as we chatted over the garden fence, for the food brought to the back door and for hospitality in your homes.

The induction service was very special, combining the formality of such a service with the warmth of St. Cuthbert's fellowship. At the social we enjoyed your delicious home-baking and learned a little about local heroes and dialect, as well as the rivalries of different football teams! Your gifts of the flowers, the beautiful picture looking towards Arran, the book token and cheque were most generous. Thank-you for all your kindness and for all the work put in to make that evening so special.

We would also like to thank the team who joined Archie before our arrival to decorate the manse, make sure everything was comfortable for us, and transformed the garden. Your hard work is much appreciated.

As a new session begins, I look forward to getting to know more of you through coffee and tea after the service and through visiting the various activities and groups of the Church.

During my first few weeks with you my overarching theme has been "Getting to know you".

This is a multi-dimensional theme as you get to know me, too, and we seek to get to know Jesus better, so that we can help others also get to know Him better.

To do this we are reading from Luke's Gospel during Sunday services, and I invite you to read the full Gospel alongside this at home.

Although most of us were probably introduced to Jesus from our childhood days in Sunday School, as adults we often pick and choose the passages we like to read and re-read, not always taking a wider look at the whole message proclaimed and acted upon by Jesus. We need to remember that getting to know Jesus is not about looking at a snapshot of His life here and there. Rather, we need to see how Jesus' life and teaching flow from one day to the next, and how these flow on into the life of the growing and spreading Church.

So let us follow His journey from Bethlehem to Nazareth, through the wilderness experience and the countryside of Galilee with its villages, fertile fields and freshwater lake, through the towns of Judaea up to the capital in Jerusalem.

Let us listen to what He said and watch what He did.

Let us see how He related to honest seekers, humble sinners and the hostile self-righteous.

Let us see how He faced suffering and death, then let us rejoice in His triumph over them, a resurrection life He offers to us all.

With every blessing,

Sarah Nicol.

Sunday School

The Sunday School begins the new session on 2nd September when we look forward to welcoming back our members and extend a warm welcome to any boys and girls from the age of 2 to 11 to join us. We hope you all enjoyed the lovely summer.

Sunday School Teachers

Afternoon Club

The Afternoon Club resumes on Monday 3rd of September, 2-4pm. Please do come along and join us if you would like to play bridge, board games or knit and natter! It is always nice to see new members. All are welcome.

Nan Smith

From the Session Clerk

I am sure that you will be as delighted as I am to have our new minister, Rev. Sarah Nicol, inducted to the charge of Saltcoats St. Cuthbert's. The Service of Induction on Wednesday 1st August was very moving; the catering superb and the Social, a happy occasion.

Nor will you be surprised, having seen her in action when she preached as Sole Nominee, that Sarah has "hit the ground running." This phrase does not refer to Allied troops leaving their landing-craft on D-Day 1944 nor to paratroopers, as is often thought, but its earliest use has been found in an newspaper article from the USA in 1895. We know that the phrase means "get off to a brisk and successful start" and Sarah has certainly done that.

As our church organisations begin a new session of activity it is to be hoped that we can all match Sarah's commitment and enthusiasm and that this new beginning may witness a revival of Christian

commitment, attendance and giving – whether the latter be of time, talent or money.

Sutherlands' Tours will see St. Cuthbert's members and friends travel to Dunfermline Abbey and other sites on Saturday 15th September. All are welcome. Please see Graeme or Liz Sutherland if interested.

A congregational lunch will be held on Sunday 23rd September after morning service to mark the estimable contribution of Evelyn Slater as Session Clerk of this church for c 20 years. We are most grateful that Angela has agreed to cater for the occasion. If you wish to attend please put your name on the sheet on the church notice-board at the end of the link corridor or give your name to Ann Turner or to me. You will be most welcome.

As I am new to this job, I wish to thank all of you for your support and encouragement. I sure need it. As my late father oft told me when I started a new project and had a wee moan that I had not quite realised what it might entail: "Ye dae noo!" Translated from the Glengarnock, it means, "You do now!"

Elsa Kirk

Session Clerk

Country Dance Club

The club commences on Monday 10 September 2018 at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome even if you have not danced for many years. It is good mental and physical exercise.

The club is open to everyone not only church members so please come along and give us a try.

For more details contact Ann Turner

Choir

The choir will be back “in residence” on Sunday 2 September with practices resuming also that day at 10.15 prompt in the small hall. I have certainly missed hearing the choir sing over the last two months so it will be lovely to have them back to lead our praise.

Anyone wishing to join the choir will be made most welcome – no choir experience required!

September	2/9	Lead me Lord	Wesley
Anthems	9/9	My life flows on	Hymn 565
	16/9	Christ be with me	Norman Bowman
	23/9	There is a longing	Hymn 720
	30/9	God’s will for creation	Hymn 136

Rosemary Smith

Men’s Club

The Men’s Club will re-commence on Tuesday 25th Sept. from 7 - 9pm, every 2 weeks.

We have a wide and varied programme and all are invited to attend.

25th Sept. Discussion/Blether

9th Oct. My Journalistic Experiences - Stewart Nicol

23rd Oct. Slides of Hong Kong/Talk - R.Brown

6th Nov. Photographs & Music around Scotland - Bea Nicholson

As usual tea/coffee & biscuits

Tom Sommerville

Boys Brigade

1st Saltcoats Boys Brigade has restarted for the new session. P1-3 boys meet on Thursday night from 6.30-7.30pm, P4-6 boys on Friday night from 6.30-8pm and P7 and older boys from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Gordon Cunningham Captain

Girls' Brigade

Dear Friends,

Regrettably, I have to inform you that due to current staffing issues which we have tried our best to resolve the Girls' Brigade is not able to resume following the summer holidays. It is the hope of everyone connected with the company that Girls' Brigade will be able to start up again in the near future. Meanwhile if you would like to consider becoming a Commissioned Officer or Auxiliary Helper further information can be found on the GB Scotland website or feel free to speak to me anytime.

Lorna Hamilton.

The Guild

The Guild commences on Wednesday September 5., and we look forward to welcoming everyone back after the summer break. We start the new session with a short talk on the theme for this year. This is Seeking the Way, given by our Minister Rev. Sarah Nicol. We are delighted Sarah is to be our opening speaker, and she will be sure of a warm welcome.

On September 19., Alison Montgomery will be us, telling about the trials and tribulations of climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Remember the Guild is open to everyone, so do come along to any meeting that interests you. You will be made most welcome.

We meet at 2pm on the 1st. and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Sheila Sarginson.

Note

The Kirk Session would appreciate if, where possible, members could avoid contacting Sarah on a Saturday as even a minister deserves a day off!

Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal

Leaflets are available in the church vestibules and hall for this year's appeal. Filled boxes should be returned to the church by the end of October. Alternatively items for the boxes should be handed in by the middle of October.

Please see Ann Turner if you have any queries. Empty boxes are always needed so if you have any spare please hand them in to the church.

Ann Turner

Harvest Thanksgiving

The Harvest Thanksgiving will be on Sunday 30 September. Donated items will be gifted to the local Foodbank.

Presbytery Report

Presbytery has been in recess since June and will recommence with a meeting on 4th Sept. when Rev Tanya Webster will be installed as the Moderator of Ardrossan Presbytery in succession to Rev David Watson.

At the June meeting Representatives of Milala Presbytery were present and addressed and sang for Presbytery

It was agreed that recognition would be made of service in all areas of ministry at 25 years, 40 years, 50 years, 60 years and 70 years. You might be interested of a few listed Andrew Taylor 59 years, Ross Mitchell 46, Alan Ford 41, Alan Ward 40, David Watson 30.

Approval was given for St Cuthbert's to get a reduction of contributions in Ministries and Mission of £5397 for the setup of a community cafe and Notice Boards.

Provisional arrangements were made for a Conference to be held in September to discuss the future of the church within the Presbytery. This has now been postponed until February 9th in West Kilbride Parish Church.

Congregations will be asked to consider all of their facilities including buildings and look at possibilities of working together – looking forward – who are going to be the office bearers in 10 or 15 years.

William Parker Presbytery Elder

Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Training for new volunteers and volunteers wishing update training will take place on Saturday 13th October 2018 in Kirkgate Parish Church.

Time: 9.45 am registration for prompt 10 am start until 1 pm.

CrossReach Christmas cards

Yes, it's that time again. I will have the CrossReach Christmas Cards catalogues available from beginning of September. Over the years we have greatly supported the work of CrossReach by buying cards etc. I hope that this will be another good year. Do pick up a catalogue or have a look at the sample cards which I hope to have on display later. The cards are good value and good quality. No p&p as I distribute them. Payment only on receipt of order. Please do support this good cause.

Many thanks.

Evelyn Slater

Community Cafe

Wed 12th & 26th September. 11:30am - 1:30pm

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

A great way to meet friends and pass the day.

Donations of home baking, books and magazines gratefully appreciated.

Ever fancied being a waiter/waitress? – now's your chance!

Special request? Just let us know.

Before the summer break we had visit from the Fire Brigade who gave advice on safety within the home.

Looking forward to meeting you all.

Angela Beattie



Sample Menu

Special £3.50

Mince & Tatties

Soup £1.50

Sandwiches £1.50

Cake 50p

Tea & Coffee £1 Free refill