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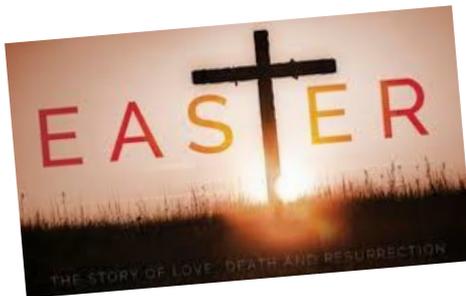
# Reflections

The magazine of Kay Park Parish Church, Kilmarnock

## 'A Time for...Lent'

Yesterday was the first of four weeks of Lent groups meeting in Kay Park. One group met in the afternoon, the other in the evening. The groups provided an opportunity to sit together and share our thoughts and our lives. Very different people with such a variety of experiences but united together through our faith in God and desire to follow Jesus. We shared our concerns about the world we are living in, terrorism, cyclones, Brexit, tragic deaths of young people. We wrestled with questions and uncertainties. We laughed. I really enjoyed being with others in the group and listening to something of their story, I learned so much too.

In the letter to the Hebrews 10 v 23 we read these words,



*'Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...'*

May it be that our church family will increasingly be a place where people continue to come together to live, laugh, learn and love together, where loving God and one another is our joy and passion.



## 'A Time for...Looking forward in Faith'

At the recent March meeting of the Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock, all congregations from the Kilmarnock area of the Presbytery were invited to send along representatives. This was because a new Presbytery Plan was to be approved. The Presbytery held three conference meetings over the period from November 2018 to January 2019. We were challenged to accept that 'as long as the church sees me out' approach is not good enough anymore, if it ever was? Five elders from Kay Park attended these evenings. The purpose of meeting was to consider a plan for the churches in Kilmarnock and the Valley areas around the town. This was taking place against the backdrop of declining church attendance, more buildings than we can manage and not enough full-time ministers. The Plan put before the Presbytery that evening was passed. Kay Park will be working with St Kentigern's towards a linkage/union. This process will be delayed for a period of two years to allow the new ministry in Kay Park to settle and for both Kay Park and St Kentigern's to train people in worship leading and pastoral care. The Presbytery will undertake an audit of buildings and look at the allocation of ministries across the town. There will be work carried out to form a new mission plan for the Presbytery to help us focus on how we can best serve God in the communities in which we live. So, what does this mean for us?

To be honest, I am not sure yet what it will mean or how it will all work but here are some thoughts to get us started as we look forward in faith together.

- **Looking UPWARD**

At the heart of all we do needs to be the one who is our Lord and God. The one who in Jesus speaks to us, *'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'* We need to look to God and seek His guidance for our life as a church and be open to the best of the old and the new. Some of you who are reading this may feel that you are unsure about your relationship with God. You may have stopped attending church. We need you, we are less without you, there is a place for you here in the family of God. God is waiting for us, all we need to do is come to him. God is only a prayer away.

- **Looking INWARD**

We sometimes sing these words in church, *'Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night, I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart'*. There is an opportunity for us all to use the talents and gifts God has given us. We are a church that believes in the 'Priesthood of all believers', each one of us is called by

God to love and serve. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, *'There are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service but the same Lord. Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it'* (1 Corinthians chapter 12 v 4& 27) Each one of us has gifts/talents that we can use to serve through prayer, giving and encouraging; welcoming and befriending others in Christ's name.

- **Looking OUTWARD**

Last words are often significant, Jesus' last words were, in Matthew chapter 16 v 18-20

*'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'* Our Prime Minister spoke very strongly to Parliament during a Brexit statement recently about the Parliament indulging in navel gazing. We need to be watchful that we do not do the Church equivalent of this! The church does not exist for itself and those of us who have grown up in it. The church, the family of God, exists to serve God and others. Putting the needs of others before our own. Being willing to sacrifice things that we might like so that others might be welcomed and find a place at the table. Paul again writing to the church in Corinth wrote, *'To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all means I might save some'* This is not easy. I do not have all the answers. The Kirk Session does not have the answers. What I do have is the desire to share with you in learning how to be the people of God here in this place where he has set us. To explore how we might share with the parish we serve in Kay Park and with the St Kentigern's church family, mutually supporting each other in sharing Christ's love in a lost and hurting world.

'May you know joy and blessing this Easter time for Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed'.

God Bless and keep you all



## EASTER SERVICES

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

will be held each evening from Monday to Thursday in the Salvation Army Church in Sturrock Street at 7.30 pm

### GOOD FRIDAY

The vigil will take place in New Laigh Kirk from 12 noon until 3.00 pm in 15 minute segments.

"Come when you can, Go when you must"

## EASTER DAY

At 7.00 am

Dawn Service in Kay Park, by the fountain, with friends from St Kentigern's and from St Matthew's RC church, followed by a hot breakfast in Kay Park Church Halls.

Please come and join us on such a special morning.

At 11.00 am

An all-age service for the whole family with some Easter surprises, conducted by the Rev Fiona Maxwell

Tea/Coffee and hot cross buns in the hall afterwards

## FORGET THE GHOSTBUSTERS, HERE COME THE LITTER-BUSTERS OF KPPC .....



Well done the litter pickers of Kay Park Parish Church, who helped to clear the streets of Kilmarnock on Sunday 17th March, along with other members of the community. Fourteen of our stalwarts turned out after the morning worship and spread their joy and enthusiasm as they played their part. As part of the community in Kilmarnock it is up to us to help in any way we can and if only more of us had remembered to help, just think of what a difference it would make.



## Share the good news .....

We have had some memorable services over the past few years and over the past few months Rev Fiona has been absolutely inspiring in her services. Even if you haven't been in church you can join in worship very easily by going into our website at [www.kayparkparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.kayparkparishchurch.org.uk) and clicking on RECORDED SERVICES at the top of the page. You can listen to the sermon, the hymns and even the choir's anthems to your heart's content. If you have a relative or a friend who is no longer able to come to church, you can share the services on your tablet or smart phone. So many of our housebound members have been overjoyed at this service.

And if you are a member who hasn't come to church for a long time, just listen in and *hear* what you are missing and then come along and *feel* what you've been missing too - the fellowship and friendship of the rest of the folk there - you could be sitting beside someone in church for the first time or another one, just like you, coming back after a break.

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## Can you help the Flower Fund?

*The lovely floral displays in church every week are sometimes taken for granted. If they were not there, the church would not be such a welcoming place for us and the people who receive the flowers after the service would not receive the comfort or pleasure that this gift brings.*

*Sometimes the flowers are sent in celebration, for a Golden Wedding or a special birthday, or to welcome someone home from hospital. At other times they are sent in sympathy, to show that your friends in church are thinking about you during an illness, after a bereavement or at another time of sadness. If you are one of the volunteers charged with delivering in either of these circumstances, you really see the effect of the visit and the gift.*

*All of the flowers are purchased with your donations. In the past we had a long list of donors, but sadly many of them have passed away and fewer people contribute regularly to the Flower Fund.*

*The committee is concerned enough to ask if you will consider becoming an annual donor to the fund. You can give as much or as little as you want, every gift is a bonus. Your name will appear in the magazine to let you know that we have received your gift, but if you wish to remain anonymous then your wish will be respected.*



Save the Date

**One weekend. Multitudes of personal invitations to those outside our churches. All with a simple request to please 'Be our guest'.**

Remember the Weekend of Invitation last year, which started off with the Pie & Pint Quiz? That's what is starting off the weekend again... but there are more surprises this year, so keep your eyes open for more information to come and remember that this is a chance to say to those who may just have been waiting to be invited ... "Be our Guest" and make them feel truly welcomed.

Victorian Scotland was a place where the gap between rich and poor was sharply in focus. Death and disease were rife and many lived on the margins of existence.

Social care as we know it today did not exist, although churches were known for their support and work with the poor, but this was very much on an ad hoc basis.

But one of the Church of Scotland's great visionaries of the age, the Rev Professor Archibald Charteris (later Very Rev), saw the potential for a church wide initiative that could provide care and support for the most vulnerable people in society – but also be flexible to the changing needs of the age. He helped sow the seeds of 'care in Christ's name' that launched formally in 1869.

The Life and Work Committee, 'appointed for one year only' was one of the most innovative of the Victorian Church of Scotland under the Convenership of Charteris and became one of the most influential committees within the Church.

Responsible for the founding of the Church of Scotland Woman's Guild, the Diaconate and Life & Work, the

roots of the Church's social care, today known as CrossReach, can also be traced all the way back to 1869 and the work of this committee.

The work of this committee sowed the seeds for some of the modern day social care still undertaken by



CrossReach – the Social Care Council of the Church of Scotland – in its care for the poor, the addicted, the abandoned and downtrodden.

The second root of the Church's social care history can be found in the early 20th century with the creation of the Committee on Social Work in 1904. The older committee gradually reduced its scope until, in 1936, both were united by the General Assembly, before becoming the Board of Social Responsibility, later CrossReach, founded in 2005.

Looking back, some of the landmark

moments for the Church include the opening of its first 'Eventide Home' for the elderly in 1926 – over 20 years before the National Health Service was launched across the UK. New care homes run by the Church of Scotland were opened regularly in the 1950s and 1960s.

The Church also recognised the benefit of counselling for those whose lives were impacted by addiction and in 1962 opened the Tom Allan Centre (named after the evangelist and highly regarded Church of Scotland minister who died in 1965) for counselling, which remains today as not only a place where those in need can access counselling (and many other services), but as a recognised counselling training provider.

The 150-year legacy of the Church of Scotland's social care work continues to pioneer innovative care projects for those most in need of care in our society today, all centring around the original ethos of 'caring in Christ's name'.

*The full article from which these words were taken appeared in the January issue of the church's magazine, Life & Work*

## PARK SCHOOL BURNS SUPPER

Well, what a wonderful afternoon I had!

The Rev Fiona had received an invitation to the Park School Burns Supper but was unable to attend, so asked if I would like to go and represent the church and before you could say – haggis, neeps and tatties, I accepted.

The supper was being hosted by S2 pupils (about 13 years of age), but it involved the whole school including staff, along with various guests among whom was the provost who was very much one of "Jock Thamsom's bairns" – he circulated and spoke to the folks at every table and even put on an apron and helped serve the meal. Top marks!

Then to the programme which was that of a full Burns Supper with a top table of S2 pupils undertaking every item from the Welcome to the Vote of thanks. Clearly there had been a lot of collaboration between pupils and staff and it was a joy to witness the result which included the haggis being borne in by a lad in a wheelchair, fitted

with a tray and led in by an S2 pupil piper.

Thereafter, all year groups from Primary 1 to Secondary 6, performed Scottish songs, poems, sketches and jokes. The poetry competition was between the following – Mince and Tatties; My wee doggie; Scottish Rain and the eventual winner, Aw teacher!

The top two jokes were – What do you call a Scotsman with one foot inside his hoose and one ootside?

HAMISH

What do you call a Scotsman with a castle on his heid?

FORT WILLIAM

Honestly, the entertainment never stopped and I was made to feel most welcome. For the afternoon I became part of the Red Room group of Amy, Amy Lee, Rory, Steven and Caitlin who all encouraged me to take part in the colouring in competition. I didnae win..... but there's always next year! Thank you Park School for a truly feel good afternoon.

Bill Caldwell

*Our Fiona Kendall is working in Italy with Mediterranean Hope, as European and Legal Affairs Advisor, on behalf of the Church of Scotland and Methodist Church in Britain. Here she shares a little about the situation of asylum seekers in Italy.*

Rome, 26 February 2019

In December 2018, the much-heralded “Salvini Law” finally came into force in Italy. By connecting “immigration” with “security”, it reinforces the populist message that these issues are directly related. The provisions of the new law are a barometer for the climate of mistrust which has grown since the present government came to power. Without going into detail, key aspects include the following:

Withdrawal of the possibility of applying for a permit to stay on the basis of “humanitarian protection” (which falls short of refugee status but covers deplorable circumstances which do not meet the criteria within the 1951 Geneva Convention);

Implementation of a much narrower system of applying for protection;

Withdrawal of the possibility of “SPRAR” accommodation for all but, essentially, those with refugee status and unaccompanied minors. The Italian SPRAR system has been much praised for providing not only accommodation but a means of integrating migrants within Italian society.

Whilst the Salvini Law was making its way through the Italian legislature, its spirit was already being implemented. The last few months of 2018 saw a number of high-profile evictions of informal refugee settlements, including that run by Baobab Experience (about which I blogged in “Defiant Optimism”). Anecdotally, we hear that those whose permits to stay are based on humanitarian protection and will no longer be renewed are already being asked to vacate reception centres. To compound matters, on 22nd January, a large immigrant reception centre to the north of Rome was closed with only two days’ notice.

The effect of all this: greater numbers of “irregular” migrants, greater numbers of migrants on the streets and a significant increase in anxiety for both migrants and the population at large. On 4th February, 600 Italian psychoanalysts who work regularly with refugees signed

a letter to President Mattarella highlighting the negative psychological effect of these measures. However, they added, “Another Italy exists and is beginning to express its own profound dissent: we are part of that.”

The existence of this other Italy was very much in evidence on 9<sup>th</sup> February, when eight mayors gathered in Rome to form an alliance to counter the policies which result in human rights being trampled. This open meeting was a small but important first step in harnessing the power of cities – and communities – to stand up for an alternative approach. The courage of these individuals in taking steps to combat these policies should not be underestimated. “We have to create a parallel and integrated network of solidarity,” said one mayor. It is their intention to convene an assembly of mayors from across Europe once the EU elections have taken place and, from there, to develop a manifesto and action plan.

This, I would suggest, is the kind of climate change we can live with...



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Jebbeh Konneh is heavily pregnant. Her sister recently died in childbirth and Jebbeh fears she may be next: 'I'm afraid. I pray, when that day comes, God will help me to deliver safely, so that I can have a bouncing baby and I'll be healthy.'

### Christian Aid Week: 'All mums should live'

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it's not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh's sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking.

Jebbeh told us: 'My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.'

This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world's poorest mums a chance to live.

**This Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May, our church is taking envelopes round our parish and giving them out in church. Will you be a partner for change? If our church raised just £300, it could help provide a new delivery bed so more mums like Jebbeh can deliver their babies safely.**



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## Luckenbooth Concert

Around 100 members and friends enjoyed a brilliant concert with Luckenbooth, a folk trio, whose repertoire went far beyond folk. We were entertained by Alex, Christine and Mhairi with folk songs, Burns songs, Gospel songs, John Denver ....there was really something for everyone, with a fair few laughs in between, not to mention a group of our own dancers who took to the floor.

At the end of a great evening Christine said they would love to come back, if invited and, judging by the applause that greeted her remark, it's a certainty that they will be asked back.

Our Social Committee provided a great supper and the many, from other churches and none, who attended were very grateful for the warm welcome that had been extended to them.



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# Kay Park Church Family Focus



## Elizabeth and John Dyet

One of the friendliest couples in our church must be John and Liz Dyet. John is actually from Irvine, where he was brought up in the old Relief Church until its closure and move to Bourtreehill. Liz attended the then new St. John's in Onthank, where she was a Brownie and Guide.

After leaving Irvine Royal Academy, where he was once a pupil of Willie McIlvanney, John began his career in the quality control department at B.M.K. He spent three years at the Scottish College of Textiles in Galashiels, where he obtained an Ordinary National Diploma in Textiles. After qualifying John returned to quality control, and two years later became quality control manager for the whole of B.M.K. In 1978 he took up a similar position at Kingsmead Carpets in Cumnock. However, in 2004, Kingsmead closed and John's career took a different turn, when he became commercial sales manager at Vauxhall dealership, Kerr and Smith. Through this dealership, John and Liz enjoyed many trips abroad to such exotic places as Capri and Sorrento.

Liz's first job was also at B.M.K. where she worked in the stock control office. In 1974 romance blossomed between the pair and they still have many friends from that time. After the children got a bit older, Liz worked for over ten years at the Jaeger factory shop in Bonnyton until its closure. Many of you reading this will

have fond memories of long queues on a Saturday morning when Jaeger had their special sales days - a great miss for ladies of a certain vintage! However, up until her retirement a few years ago, Liz was a well-known face in the jewellery department at George of Asda. She loves fashion as is obvious from her well groomed appearance and she won several awards for sales in her job.

In 1976 the Dyets were married in St. John's Church and set up home in a flat in Bonnyton, before moving, two years later to their present home in Sparrow Gardens. Their son Gavin was born in 1980, followed by wee sister Claire in 1982. The children both regularly attended Sunday School at Henderson. Gavin, who is married to Jane, is a civil engineer, and lives in Kilmarnock with their two boys - Adam, who is nine, and Blair, who is six. He is a project manager with Transport Scotland. John and Liz are very involved in the lives of their two grandsons. Their daughter Claire is married to James, and lives in a lovely part of the Peak District. She is a nurse and works with Embrace, which is part of the Children's Air Ambulance Service, transporting babies and children in emergencies to the appropriate hospitals for treatment. Liz and John pay regular visits to the Peak District.

The Dyets first came to Henderson because the children were coming to playgroup as well as Beavers and Rainbows and later Sunday School and Bible Class. They have been members for over thirty years and first came during John Cook's ministry. John had already been ordained an elder at St. John's. He is now one of the Monday Boys team, and is an excellent district elder to our members who live outwith the town. Since he suffered a health scare a few years ago, he has initiated a Heart Start programme. which is to encourage people to come to these classes and learn the procedures to follow if you encounter someone in difficulties. John and Liz also attend a Heart Matters Exercise class in St. Kentigern's, where they have struck up many new friendships.

Liz is part of the creche and coffee rotas and also helps at Lunch Break. They both enjoy walking and join the Strollers when they can. The Dyets enjoy holidays, especially cruising and love to visit different places. They are making the most of retirement and are enjoying the freedom that it brings.

John and Liz are a delightful couple, for whom our church family is important, and who make their own individual contribution to it. It was lovely talking to them.

Shiona Thomson.



## KAY PARK Strollers & Striders

February's Strollers' outing saw 16 of us make the short journey to Irvine. With end of walk refreshments in mind, we parked up at the Puffer Café at the Maritime Museum before spending an hour or so walking along the harbourside with a detour around the beach park area. A similar time was then spent enjoying the fayre on offer in the Puffer and, of course, each other's company.

Our Striders took advantage of the spell of Spring-like weather to venture on an out and back route from Troon to Prestwick. Following the cycle path from Troon took us almost to the airport. A right turn from the main road allowed us access to a path with views of Old Prestwick Golf Course on our left and the Firth and Arran to our right. A mid-walk break at The Lido in Prestwick saw five of our number decide to return by bus or train. The remaining ten followed an alternative route out of Prestwick before rejoining our original route along the cycle path to Troon with around eight miles covered.

The most recent Strollers' outing suffered a lower turnout of seven, hit by a combination of Storm Gareth and a number of regulars having escaped to the sunshine on mid-winter breaks. Undeterred, they curtailed the planned visit to Roukenglen for a two mile stroll through the Dean Castle Country Park. The almost obligatory coffee and scone were then partaken of in the comfort of De Walden's.

The Spring Equinox saw 11 Striders undertake a 9 mile circular walk from Hurlford to Galston and back. Following the Grougar Walk alongside the River Irvine took us to Milton Road at Templetonburn. Turning right, we followed this past the long abandoned Loudoun Kirk and Cemetery to join the A719 above Loudoun Academy. After a brief stop to refuel at the café in the Co-op in Galston, we walked through the village to join the Sir Chris Hoy cycle path which brought us back to Hurlford.

The dates for our next outings are: Strollers, 11 April and Striders, 25 April, both leaving from the church car park. All are welcome and, on these two dates, walks are followed by the opportunity to return to Lunch Break in the Church Hall.

David Miller

### Next Strollers Dates

**Thursday** 11th April

**Friday** 10th May

**Saturday** 8th June

**Strollers meet at 9.30 am**

### Next Striders Dates

**Thursday** 25th April

**Friday** 17th May

**Saturday** 15th June

**Striders meet at 9.00 am**



## Do you fancy an evening Spring/ Summer stroll?

Many of you, who work during the day, tell us that you read, with envy, of the lovely walks that the Strollers and Striders have enjoyed over the past few years, and it took a working woman like Rev Fiona to suggest some evening walks, which she and other working folk could enjoy. So your helpful organisers have suggested a couple of dates for you, the first is Tuesday 14 May and the second Thursday 20 June. If we meet at 6.30 pm in the church car park we can finish our walks with a drink/coffee in First Edition in Bank Street on our return or someone might have a better inspiration when we are out for the walk.

As always, you won't know where we are going but you should be home by 9 o'clock.

We'll take things as they come, but if you have a walk you've been longing to do, or a place you would like to end up at we'll find out on the night.

Bring along a friend, partner or spouse - everyone is welcome to join. At the Strollers and Striders we have many people from other churches and none who join us, so come on....

**you know you want to ..... it'll be good for you ..... you'll feel better.**

See you on the 14th!

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## KAY PARK GOLF



The celebrated KPPC Golf Championship is about to be fought over once again in May this year at Loudoun Gowf Club. A number of KPPC folk have already signed up, but one or two have had to drop out due to illness or a sudden need to find sunshine in warmer climes, so there is an opportunity for a challenger or 'dark horse' to sweep to victory and win this prestigious trophy.

Date : 19 May 2019

The Tee-Off time will be 1.00 pm

The competition will be a Stableford with full handicap up to a maximum of 28

High Tea will be at 5.00 pm

Buggies can be ordered.

If you would like to take part, phone Ronnie Hamilton on 526817 for more information.

FULL PAYMENT IS DUE ON OR BEFORE 19 MAY



## Friendship Club

As I write this we have almost reached the end of another successful session. Several new members have joined us and we are delighted to welcome them into our group. The Friendship Club is open to anyone, who would like to come along and join us on a Thursday afternoon from October to March. Our meetings alternate with Lunch Break.

In February the Very Reverend Bill Hewitt gave a most entertaining talk about his visits to Balmoral during his time as Moderator, and later in the month the musical group "That's the Question" entertained us with a very varied programme of music and song. We are eternally grateful to Bill Caldwell and Grant Donald, who stepped in at the last minute at the beginning of March, when the arranged speaker had to call off due to illness. They gave us a great afternoon of songs and anecdotes which was enjoyed by everyone. We finished on March 21st when Marilyn Malcolm and John Goodwin, accompanied by Eric Oliphant, provided a fitting musical finale to our session.

Our outing this year is a change of venue. We are going to enjoy some retail therapy at MacArthur Glen Retail Outlet in Livingston, followed by a meal at Piersland House Hotel in Troon. The date is Thursday May 30th, and the bus will leave the church at 11.30am. As we go to print there are still a few spaces available for anyone who may wish to join us.

On behalf of us all in the Friendship Club, we hope you have a summer like last year and we look forward to welcoming members old and new to join us at the beginning of October.

Shiona Thomson



### LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES

Five elders were recently presented with Long Service certificates. From left above in the picture are: Janet Grant, Session Clerk, Alex Watt, Marion McLagan, Jim Raeburn, Gordon Slater and the Rev Fiona Maxwell.

Gordon and Marion received their certificates for 30 years' service, while Alex and Jim received theirs for long and dedicated service on their retiral from the Kirk Session.

Effie Steven, who was also awarded a long service certificate on her retiral, was unable to be present for the photograph.



# Prayer Page

At this moment we are about half way through Lent, for some this means sacrifices and for others it's only time that will pass with the pressures of life and the lead up to Easter. The connection to JESUS will not enter their minds or thoughts.

These will probably centre on a holiday, picnic, chocolate eggs, a lie-in or hopefully maybe breakfast in bed.

We now come near to the rise of JESUS, everyone following and listening to his every word and talking to others about this wonderful man.

*John 8v12. I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.*

He gave us his covenant, his promise; he took bread blessed it, broke it and said "Eat - this is my body."

He took a cup, gave thanks to God and said, "Drink this, it is my blood, the blood of the covenant, shed for many for the forgiveness of sins".

*John. 3v16 We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us.*



During the Passover supper JESUS said to his disciples "One of you will betray me", They denied this but JUDAS did betray him ....for 30 pieces of silver and PETER denied him ... 3 times.

Lack of faith? Lack of courage?

We all have weak and shameful moments in our lives.



So enjoy Easter, enjoy Spring, the blue skies, sunshine, the beauty of the earth and this wonderful life you have been given.

*Psalm 23 v1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

From Rene Larmour, Olive Gow and your prayer group.



*If you want to request that the Prayer Chain prays for you or someone you love, please complete one of the Prayer Request Forms available at the front door or at the bottom of the stairs at the back door. All requests are handled in confidence.*

*If you cannot find a form or it is in the middle of the week, phone Rene Larmour or Olive Gow with your request.*

# NOTICES

## Church Flowers

Sincere thanks to the following people who have donated to the Flower Fund in February - March 2019 :



Mrs Skeoch, Mrs Watt, Mrs Lapham,  
Mrs Heath, Mrs Hamilton, Mr Watt,  
Mrs Aitken, Mrs Raeburn and  
Mrs Wight

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## FUNERALS

*"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you"*

12.2.19

Mr Ian Presly, 91 Dundonald Road D25

01.03.19

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03.04.19

Mrs Jean Dempster, 22 Souter Drive D 17

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Mrs Sheila Campbell, 34 Bunting Place D42

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Mrs June Millar, 10 Milton Avenue D14

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### APRIL

7 Charlotte McCrone  
14 Ronnie Hamilton  
21 Janet Grant  
28 Jeff Davies

### MAY

5 Silvija Wilde  
12 Alex Dempster  
19 Vanessa Twomey  
26 Jim MacDonald

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Mrs Elizabeth Lindsay, Warwickhill Road,  
Kilmarnock (Certificate of Transference) D 24

Mrs Moira Graham, Braehead Court,  
Kilmarnock (Resolution of Kirk Session) D 43

Mrs Gillian Docherty, Cumbrae Drive,  
Kilmarnock (Resolution of Kirk Session) D 1

Mrs Margaret Gemmell, 21 Salisbury Avenue,  
Hurlford (Resolution of Kirk Session) D 35

Mr Robin Gemmell, 21 Salisbury Avenue,  
Hurlford (Profession of Faith) D 35

**APRIL - Sunday worship will be conducted at 11.00 am by the Rev Fiona Maxwell unless otherwise stated**

- 2 2.00 pm Guild AGM and Marilyn Malcolm and Friends  
 3 LENT 2019 - 3 : At 7.30 - 8.45 pm in the Side Chapel  
 4 LENT 2019 - 3 : At 3.00 - 4.15 pm in the Side Chapel  
 7 11.00 am Sunday Worship  
 9 The Guild Spring Dinner at Fenwick Hotel  
 10 LENT 2019 - 4 : At 2.00 -3.15 or 7.30 - 8.45 pm in the Side Chapel  
 11 12.15 pm Lunch Break in the Hall  
 14 11.00 am Sunday Worship  
 HOLY WEEK SERVICES (see page 2)  
 21 11.00 am EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP (see page 2)  
 24 2.00 pm Planning Meeting  
 25 12.15 pm Lunch Break in the Hall  
 28 11.00 am Sunday Worship conducted by the Very Rev Bill Hewitt

**In Charge: AUDREY GRAY****Beadle: ANDREW RAESIDE**

**Olive Caldwell Bill Caldwell Eleanor Hamilton Rene Larmour  
 Ronnie Hamilton**

**MAY - Sunday worship will be conducted at 11.00 am by the Rev Fiona Maxwell unless otherwise stated**

- 5 11.00 am Sacrament of Holy Communion (Carded)  
 7 Guild Outing  
 8 7.30 pm Kirk Session Meeting  
 11 - 12 Pilgrimage to Dundee  
 12 11.00 am Sunday Worship  
 19 11.00 am Sunday Worship - Pulpit Supply  
 1.00 pm KPPC Golf at Loudoun Gowf Club  
 26 11.00 am Sunday Worship  
 30 11.30 am Friendship Club Outing  
 31 11.00 am Morning Worship

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