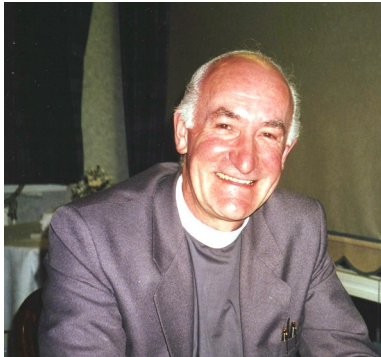


From the Locum - Eddie Simpson



Dear Friends

After only a few months I am beginning to feel that my work as your locum is taking on some kind of shape. It has been a real privilege to lead worship on Sundays in such a beautiful Sanctuary and to be received so warmly into the homes I have visited. My wife Betty and I have met so many new people that it is a constant challenge to put names to faces and even more challenging to work out who is related to whom.

Already we are appreciating just how effective David's ministry has been at Kay Park and the commitment of so many of the members. Everywhere I go, the name of Kay Park is spoken of with respect and admiration for the good work of years past and still continued today.

For my own part, I have been visiting, and gathering the names of folk who need a visit and who are not already on our pastoral list. I have also responded to the needs of others either at home or in hospital as they were brought to my attention.

Worship, of course, is at the very heart of the Church's life and in Kay Park it is no different. There is a real spirit of attentive devotion on Sunday mornings, an atmosphere of reverence, and a genuine sharing in the praise and prayer we offer together.

Thank you for your understanding, your many kindnesses and encouraging words these past months. Please remember that if you want to speak to me or would like me to visit you in your own home you need only ask and I promise to respond. The same is true of anyone you know who you consider may be in need of a visit and whose name you pass to me.

Yours in Christ

Eddie

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- Would you like to take part in arts and crafts and activities?

If you've answered yes, why don't you come along and join us in Young Church on a Sunday morning during the Church service.

WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!!!!

If you need any more info, just speak to one of the Young Church Leaders, or you can phone me on 07397 153755 or 01563 528954 or email: olivegow@hotmail.co.uk.

Olive Gow

THE GUILD

Since last writing for the Magazine we have had many meetings and events.

We finished the 2016 – 2017 session with dinner at the Fenwick Hotel on 4th April and our final event was the Guild Outing to Stirling Castle. We had lovely weather for the trip and a very enjoyable dinner on the way home.

Our next event is the Annual Guild Rally in the Caird Hall, Dundee, on Saturday, 2nd September, 2017 when the bus will pick us up at 7.30am from the GPO. I understand there are still tickets available and if you wish to go please get in touch with me – 07792 570797.

The theme for 2017 – 2018 is 'GO IN LOVE' and we resume our new session on TUESDAY, 5TH September, 2017 in the Hall at 7.30pm.

We look forward to welcoming new people – men and women. There is something for all.

This year is the 130th Anniversary of the Guild and we celebrate GUILD WEEK on Sunday, 19th November – Sunday, 26th November, 2017.

Ellen MacLeod - Convener



Reflections from Kim

It's a breezy summer is it not? The wind has certainly been a feature of our weather this year. Good for kite flying and sailing, and for those of us in most of Scotland, good for keeping the midges at bay. Not so good for sitting out in the sun unless you can find a sheltered spot and not so good for cycling unless it's at your back, and the cyclists among us will know that it never quite seems to be at your back for very long!

The wind is also good for drying washings and I saw one last week on a croft in Sutherland, the wooden poles set in the heather with the sky and the sea all around. Now call me old fashioned, but the sight of a washing blowing and flapping on a line in the sun and the wind gladdens my heart. Especially if it is a 'well pit oot' line of washing with the towels together, the shirts the right way round and the socks in pairs. I can't help it, I was taught laundry at school and the importance of an orderly washing line was drummed into us both at school and at home. Incidentally, in Sutherland, there is a unique way of pegging the sheets on the line which lets the wind blow through and deters them taking off across the heather.

What difference does it make how you hang up your washing I hear you ask, and of course you are absolutely right, the sun and the wind will dry the washing however it may be hung on the line. This was the topic of conversation in the Wattlot household recently. Does it really matter? How important to us is our sense of order, our insistence that things should be done in a certain way? Should preference take precedence over purpose? Should fondness for our way of doing things get in the way of our relationships?

God loves it when we do things for others and His Kingdom grows, and if it is a bit clumsy and not done

perfectly, then will he love us less? Of course not! Who has not appreciated and loved their children's first attempts at making breakfast in bed, even if the tea was cool and the toast not quite brown enough? Who has not appreciated a washing being hung out, even if the socks were not in pairs? These are acts of love and service and they gladden not just our hearts but God's too. He wants us to do things, and not be discouraged because we might not do it perfectly or delay trying because of a lack of confidence in our own skills. In his sermon on the mount, Jesus taught his disciples to let their light shine so that everyone would see what they were doing and praise the Father in Heaven. He also taught that loving and serving others brought joy in Heaven. As we learn to love, as we learn to serve, we develop a yearning to be better at what we do and delight in it and we have the faith and hope to know that God's wonderful grace will be at work to help us.

In my study there are some cards and 'things' which I keep to help me to remember how dependent I am on God's grace and other people. They encourage me and remind me that we are at our best when we do things together and together with God. I think I might bring up a clothes peg to add to my collection!

May the blessings of Christ's grace, love and peace be with you all this summer.

Your interim moderator

Kim Watt.



THE VACANCY AS IT PROGRESSES

One of my tasks as your interim moderator, was to read the edict, required by Church of Scotland procedure in relation to the piece of church law: *Ministers and Deacons in civil Partnerships and Same Sex Marriages Act*. It sounded quite complicated, simply because it is a legal document. I will be required to repeat the edict reading in September at the time of the second secret ballot. The voting procedure is necessary because, as part of the process of the vacancy, the Kirk Session undertakes to decide if it will permit the nominating committee to consider an application for this vacancy from an individual who is already in a civil partnership or same-sex marriage. This part of the vacancy procedure relating to departure must be completed before the vacancy can be advertised and the congregation can vote to elect the nominating committee.

So that you know who is responsible for what, the decision relating to possible departure is the responsibility of the Kirk Session, the election of the members of the nominating committee is the responsibility of the congregation, the choice of any sole nominee is decided by the elected nominating committee and the choice of the minister is made by the congregation.

These are all serious undertakings and this is a time of change and new possibilities. Yet we have our hope in the Lord and the sure and certain knowledge that His grace abounds. Be assured that you are all in my prayers and I ask again that you remember the folk of the Kirk Session and each other in your prayers as we move forward through the vacancy procedures.

KAY PARK Strollers



On the 10th June, 17 Strollers descended on Ayr and had a lovely walk from the Burns Museum via some of the very “posh hoooses” in Alloway, along the banks of the River Doon, through Belleisle and back to the museum.

Some of our number weren't aware of the route involved and have said they would do this on their own in the future. This is one of the pluses of being a “stroller”.



It was a beautiful day for our outing and the museum restaurant provided welcome refreshment at the end. If you would like to join us in future walks, please see the previous edition of the magazine for dates.

On a glorious 17th. July, John Nisbet led 21 of us through his native Darvel, revealing the hidden beauty of an Ayrshire town that once boasted 20 lace firms, 5 churches, 5 banks, and 2 cinemas . Today it is a dormitory town for commuters who work elsewhere. Walking through the beautiful Morton Park, we were charmed by the park benches, built by Ogilvie's of Kilmarnock, from designs of the local primary school children. This was definitely another successful discovery by the Strollers.

The next monthly walk will be on Tuesday, 19th September.



ARRAN TRIP - Saturday, 12 August 2017



As usual we will meet at the ferry terminal, ARDROSSAN for 09.15, which will allow us time to purchase tickets - £7.50 return.

The format of the day will be as before: a stroll (The Fisherman's Walk) to Cladach, after which people will be free to spend the day as they wish – walking, shopping, lunching, castle visit etc. In the past, a putting competition, starting around 2.30pm, has been very popular.

The return ferry time is 16.40. Everyone will be made welcome, including our friends from St. Andrew's and St. Marnock's.



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祝你顺利 Alison

(an attempt to say Good Luck in Mandarin)

We all know Alison Clark, who sings in the front row of the Choir and who is a member of Kirk Session and a District Elder, that it came as a shock when she announced her plans for the next couple of years. We were so captivated by her story that we asked her to let us know her plans. She has also promised to keep us up to date with her life in read on for more!

Right now, the boxes are piled high, the paperwork extensive and the twists and turns of bureaucracy seem never ending. However, in a little over a week from the date I write this, I will be cruising at 35,000 feet – making a hop around the world towards my new job and life in Shanghai, China.

I have spent the last 7 years as a Head Teacher of an Additional Support Needs School in Ardrossan. Now I am moving 5,500 miles around the globe to seek out new life experiences, and most importantly, new challenges. I will be working as the Lower School Coordinator in the Yew Chung International School of Shanghai, with some ongoing input into helping children who have additional needs. Currently, I will be away for 2 years, although the school calendar is very similar to the Scottish calendar, and I hope to come home for special holidays like Christmas to spend these with my family.

The most daunting aspect for me is the fact that I have no contacts in Shanghai other than those at the end of emails from the school – friendly people whom I hope to put faces to names with soon. I see seeking out new opportunities alone as both a

challenge and a good thing, as it will allow me to embrace any and all opportunities offered to me.

Leaving my children behind will be difficult, but I know they are both doing well in their lives and with modern technology are only a phone call or Skype video call away. Callum, 22, is about to take up his first post as a doctor in the surgical department of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow and Gemma, 20, is moving to Milton Keynes to pursue a qualification as a Royal Academy of Dance ballet teacher.

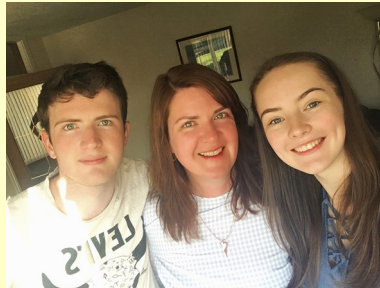
My children have been immensely supportive of my decision to move to China.

“We are so proud of our mum and think she is extremely brave embarking on this new adventure. She has done so much for us both over the years, so it is definitely her time to shine and have some fun!”

As for now, it’s back to the packing for me, but I will keep you all posted with any updates and how I’m getting on!

Hopefully see you all at Christmas.

Alison.



MEDIA TEAM

I thought it was time for an update of our Media Team and how we are doing! Over the past few months it has been quite a difficult time for us with one fault after another and it became very frustrating knowing that sometimes the system worked and sometimes not! Usually on a Sunday morning! But we ploughed on and kept as positive as we could and after some help with the installers and dedication of the volunteers, things started to change! I always thought that God would help us out! Eventually! We are now over the worst and I think the sound and presentation systems on a Sunday morning are just great! Things are more dependable from week to week and the team is getting better as the use of the church and halls increases.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Media Team volunteers personally, for all their dedication and commitment. They are a lovely bunch of people and we have become a lovely group of friends, regardless of age!! They are - Victoria Bucknell, Craig Denim, Michael Docherty, David Kerr, Margaret Laird, Hugh McCrone and myself.

These dedicated people work in pairs and our rota can be very flexible (if anyone would like to join us!!!) I would also like to say a special thank you to Paul Scoular, who is always on hand or at the end of a phone for help and support. We all have our strengths and we bring our talents on a Sunday morning to enrich our weekly worship.

Heather Lohar - Co-ordinator





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Eleanor Hamilton

The above flyer reminded me of a conversation I had with a few people on the day we enjoyed a wonderful outing to look round the new Ayrshire College Campus. It really is lovely to do things as a group, especially if you do not have many friends who would be interested in the same thing, whether it be a visit to a concert or a play, a visit to a stately home or a monument or just going out for a meal.. The suggestion was made that it would be nice to team up with someone or a few people from the church who would like to go to the same event. The only problem with this is the logistics of doing it!

So, to keep it simple and get started, I will be the first port of call. I would like to make a list of people who would be interested in this with email addresses and mobile numbers. These should be people who actually look at their emails and read their texts! It would also be helpful to know if you are interested in

afternoon or evening events. It might be possible to share transport, but, really, with bus passes the world outside Kilmarnock is our oyster!

Then, if you would like for example, to go the Good Food Exhibition in the SECC or Trainspotting in the Citizens' Theatre, or visit Kelvingrove Museum, or go to the Odeon in Kilmarnock, I will email that to everyone on my list and it is up to you to make arrangements amongst yourselves.

This arrangement can be adapted as we go along, but it would be nice to know that there are people that you probably know already who don't want to be your new best friend, but who would very happily go on an outing with you.

Please let me know what you think of this or changes you would like. All my details are on the back page.

Eleanor - Editor

RECIPE CORNER

Alistair Watson ..
'Man With The Black Cap @
Lunch Break'



The Sunday Lunch That Cooks To Perfection While You Sleep On Saturday Night!!!!

Slow Cooked Neck Fillets Of Lamb

This cut of lamb is widely available in the local supermarkets....Tesco, Asda and Morrisons both at their fresh meat counters and in the displays of vacuum packed products. Local butchers tend to include this cut in "best end" of rolled lamb so you are unlikely to find them in their shops.

However, this is one of the most succulent cuts when slow cooked and is about a third of the cost of "Rack" or "Canon".....a real "melt in the mouth" experience.

You will need an electric slow cooker. First, trim off any excess fat with a thin bladed sharp knife....then every half inch of the fillet length make a cut half way through the meat, this makes for even cooking. Place the fillets in your slow cooker and give them a good grind of both black pepper and sea salt. Close the lid of your cooker and set the heat setting switch to LOWthat is it!!!!.....Go to bed.....and on the Sunday morning, turn off the cooker and lift out each fillet and place on a chopping board to rest for 5/10 minutes. Pour off the juices of the meat into a glass tumbler and place it in your fridge for an hour or so until any excess fat comes to the surface, sets and can be removed from the glass. With the clarified juices make the gravy of your choice.....with the addition of mint jelly or perhaps rich Madeira sauce.

When the meat has rested cut each fillet into medallions and place in a ceramic chafing dish, pour over your gravy and cover the dish with kitchen foil...."shiny side down"!!!! Place the dish/dishes on a middle shelf of your oven and regenerate at 140C for 20/25 minutes when you get home from the Kirk. Serve with a selection of vegetables and mashed potato.

Easy!!!!.....and amazing!!!

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Kay Park Church Family Focus

Vanessa Twomey

One of the

really lovely aspects of doing these interviews is having the opportunity to talk to and find out about members of our church from a wide age range. I think it is fair to say that Vanessa belongs in the younger category.

As many of you know Vanessa is a Yorkshire lass from Huddersfield. Her family belonged to the Baptist Church, where she spent her childhood years. When she was only seventeen, her mum noticed an advert in a church publication looking for someone to train as a domestic in a Christian outdoor centre run by the Abernethy Trust in Shiskine on the Isle of Arran. Undaunted, the young Vanessa applied and was accepted for the position, and consequently travelled to Arran for the first time. In my conversations with Vanessa it soon becomes apparent that she is someone who displays great strength of character. She absolutely loved the job and remained in post for three years. While in Shiskine she met future husband Max, who was working at the centre as an outdoor instructor. Although from Hereford, Max spent most of his childhood in Largs.



At the age of twenty Vanessa returned to Huddersfield, where she and Max were married in 1991. Their next move was back north to the village of Sorn, where they settled in a cottage in the castle grounds. Max was now working at Kaimes Outdoor centre near Muirkirk, while Vanessa worked for a local family as a mother's help. Their next move was up the road to Mauchline where they joined the local parish church, becoming very involved in church life. Vanessa was a Sunday School teacher, and both she and Max ran the Youth Group. She still remains very friendly with the minister's wife from that time. Vanessa's love of Scotland dates back to a teenage holiday she spent in Pitlochry. As a family the Twomeys enjoy the outdoor life.

Ten years ago the family moved to Kilmarnock, when Max got a job in East Kilbride as Duke of Edinburgh Awards Manager for South Lanarkshire. Vanessa could be described as a "domestic goddess" helping regular clients in their homes. It is a job which she can organise around the lives of the children. Vanessa and Max have two children – Tilly, who is fourteen and attends St. Joseph's Academy, and nine year old Kayden, who is a pupil at St. Andrew's Primary. Both children are known to us, as they are regular members of Young Church.

Vanessa and Max became members of Kay Park in 2011 around the time of the union. They had attended a wedding in our church and were so impressed that they decided to come along. Vanessa is now very involved in different aspects of church life. She teaches Young Church, is crèche co-ordinator, helps regularly at Lunch Break, and is also on the Social Committee. Last November she was ordained as an elder. Any spare time she has is spent reading, walking and also baking which she finds very relaxing and therapeutic.

Vanessa Twomey is a very likeable person who seems to have her priorities right. Family and church are very important to her, and, speaking as someone like myself from the older age group in our church, it is reassuring to know that the future of Kay Park will be assured. It was lovely talking to her.

Shoia K. Thomson

OOPS! FROM THE CHURCH BULLETINS: (not from ours!)

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

This evening at 7:00 PM there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Friendship Club

Although the holiday season has not quite come to an end, our thoughts now turn to autumn and our winter activities.



The Friendship Club resumes on Thursday October 5th at 2pm, when Marilyn Malcolm will entertain us at the opening meeting. The committee has tried to compile a varied programme of entertainment, including several new faces as well as ones already known to us. There will be a balanced mixture of music as well as more informative talks.

The committee will try to distribute syllabuses to our current members as widely as possible, but if anyone would like one, please do not hesitate to ask myself or another committee member.

We look forward to welcoming members old and new, and we assure you of a very pleasant afternoon among friends. We are also delighted to welcome Aileen Sansum as a new committee member in place of Joan Lacy, who sadly retired along with David. As you are already aware, Aileen is a multi-talented person who will be a great asset to the club.

Shiona Thomson



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PROPERTY REPORT

During this summer, the Property Committee has been busy planning a number of projects while the weather has been good. The Kirk Session approved some external work on the Church Tower and spire, which will include the replacement of old lead flashings and repointing of stone copings. This essential work is to make sure the Tower is water tight.



Internally, we are about to replace some additional doors to match them to the new doors in the rear entrance vestibule. We are also going to improve the lighting on the Church Chancel as the Church is increasingly being used by a diverse range of groups. The users of the Side Chapel will also be pleased to know that we are about to adjust the heating in the room to a temperature closer to Kilmarnock than Majorca !

The new chairs have been installed in the Church Lounge at the back of the Church which has completed this area as originally planned. We are now planning to use this area in a much more comprehensive way.

The Monday Action Team continues to keep the Church gardens in tip top condition and the tree that David and Joan Lacy gave to the Church as a gift on their retirement is blooming !

Now that we have an empty Manse, we have carried out a full inspection of the building and now need to plan ahead for some alterations in the building as we plan ahead for our new Minister. We will keep you informed of our progress in the early future.

Jeff Davies – Joint Property Convenor

SCRIPTURE READERS IN CHURCH

AUGUST

- 14 Janette Steven
21 Colin Wilde
28 Rena Larmour

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Paul Scoular
10 Sandra Nisbet
17 Alex Steven
24 Charlotte McCrone

OCTOBER

- 1 Billy McLaughlan
8 Elizabeth Templeton
15 Alex Dempster

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CHURCH NOTICES

Church Flowers

Sincere thanks to the following people who have donated to the Flower Fund in June and July 2017



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Donations can be placed, in an envelope marked 'Flower Fund', on the Offering Plate, or given to Moira Neil or Aileen Sansum. Cheques should be made payable to Kay Park Church Flower Fund.

We need more people to deliver the flowers on a Sunday. It doesn't take long, but means such a lot to those who receive them. If you would like to take a turn on our rota please give your name to Aileen Sansum or Moira Neil. It really is one of the nicest jobs in the church.

FUNERALS

In my Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

05.07.2017

Helen Campbell, Lizdean Nursing Home (N/M)

26.07.2017

Robert Rae, 22 Gibson Street (N/M)

26.07.2017

Agnes Auld, Howard House (N/M)

28.07.2017

Eric Borland, Flat 20 129 Main Street, Newmilns (N/M)



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4th. June 2017
Jamie Allan O'Connor
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Lynsay and Brian
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5th August 2017
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August– Sunday services at 10.30

- 5 1.00 p.m. Wedding of Andrew Law and Laura Shields
- 6 10.30 a.m. Joint Worship with St Andrew's and St. Marnock's in Kay Park, conducted by Rev James McNaughtan
- 12 Kay Park Parish Church Strollers Trip to Arran
- 13 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship conducted by Rev Eddie Simpson
- 20 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship conducted by Rev Eddie Simpson
- 27 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship conducted by Rev Eddie Simpson
- 30 7.00 p.m. Meeting of the Planning Group in the Counting Room

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Check out our website www.kayparkparishchurch.co.uk for filmed interviews with David and Joan Lacy as they headed towards retirement, Moira Neil and Iain Macmillan on the history of Henderson Church, Alex Watt and George Thomson on the history of Old High and Eleanor Hamilton on the church magazine. There is also a video of the service on 21 August 2016 when the sanctuary re-opened after the refurbishment.

September– Sunday services at 11.00 a.m.

- 3 11.00 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion (non-carded)
Young Church re-commences
- 10 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship conducted by the Rev. Eddie Simpson
- 13 7.30 p.m. Meeting of Kirk Session in the Hall for second vote
- 17 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship conducted by the Rev. Eddie Simpson
- 24 11.00 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving :Morning Worship conducted by the Rev. Eddie Simpson

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