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Kay Park Parish Church Newsbite!

A WORD FROM THE MINISTER

Welcome to the Autumn 'Newsbite' and sincere thanks are due to everyone who has been involved with this edition.

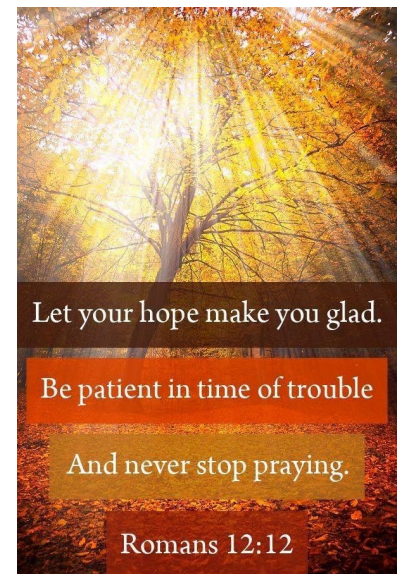
As I type the news on the radio is of the awful floods in Pakistan. It is hard to conceive but one third of the country is under water. The floods have washed away roads, homes and crops. One reporter said, "It's all one big ocean, there's no dry land to pump the water out", it is a "crisis of unimaginable proportions." Officials have estimated that more than 33 million Pakistanis – one in seven people have been affected so far by the flooding.

You may have heard people use the phrase, "First World Problems" for example, "it's a first world problem, but if you are staying at a 5- star resort you expect some decent service." It is interesting how we are often caught up in First World Problems, that is why being aware of the community and world beyond our small corner matters. We are stewards of God's Creation and we simply cannot ignore the effect individually and corporately are having on our planet's eco systems. In Genesis chapter 1 v 31 we read of creation; '*God saw all that he had made and it was very good*'. The impact of our careless, greedy, self-centred living is turning what was very good into something very bad. Think closer to home of the recent reports of raw sewage being dumped in the sea and causing untold damage.



Two of the five marks of mission which provide the framework for the current Presbytery Planning are

- To respond to human need by loving service
- To safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.



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SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is the name given to the period from 1st of September to 4th of October each year. The 1 September was the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Christians during this season are encouraged to engage in prayer and action for the protection of Creation. If you would like to explore

this theme more fully, please follow the link to Eco Congregation Scotland (www.ecocongregationscotland.org)

You may wonder why I chose to write about this rather than Presbytery Planning and its impact on our church. Or about the many local issues of concern. The answer is simple, we are to care because God cares. "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." Our weekly/daily prayer for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven means that yes, we keep on praying but more than that we must act too. We must choose to live differently because lives depend on it.

May God help us to live generously – freely giving as we have freely received

God Bless you all, Rev Fiona

A prayer for the 'Season of Creation' – 'For the love of'

Creator God, You show us what love is
through the beauty of the earth and the gift of your Son.

For the love of...animal and plant, mountain and forest, sea and city
woman and man, friend and family
those who live far from us and those yet to be born.

Move us to live more simply, to protect the earth
and to speak up for those in need.

Amen.

(Sarah Hagger-Holt/CAFOD)

"True prayer is a way of life, not just for use in cases of emergency"

THE HAMILTONS

A couple of photos from John & Sandra Nisbet showing what Ronnie & Eleanor spent the money on, that they received from their friends in Kilmarnock.



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The ladies of the committee hope that you have all had a good summer and are looking forward to returning to the Friendship Club, or indeed coming along for the first time, on Thursday 6th October at 2pm.

We have been working hard to ensure that our syllabus will be wide and varied with something for everyone.

You are all most welcome to come along to share in the fellowship and fun and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

At our first meeting we will welcome our friends from the Salvation Army who will entertain us with music and song and tell us about some of the great work which they do in the community.

Dates For The Diary

6th October - The Salvation Army

20th October - John Goodwin - The Foodbank

3rd November - Rev. Jill Clancy - Prison Chaplain

17th November - Crossroads Community Choir

1st December - Ayr and Prestwick Street Pastors + Christmas Stall

15th December - Christmas Lessons and Carols

Do come along and give the Friendship Club a try. You won't be disappointed.

From the Shining Lights

MONDAY BOYS

The Monday boys kept meeting during the holidays and made the most of the good weather.

The gardens were kept tidy with grass cutting ,weeding and cutting the large hedge bordering the bowling club.

Many thanks to Billy Hyslop for going up the ladders and cutting the top of the hedge.

We are pleased to welcome Rodger Bingham to the team he's a great asset and if there are any other volunteers willing to join - they would be made most welcome too.

Our thanks to Jim Wilson for his donation of a beautiful wrought iron frame complete with leaves for the glass door at the side entrance.

We also enjoyed a lunch to celebrate Mr Douglas McCreadie's 90th birthday at the Douglas Hotel.

John Dyet



CHURCH FLOWERS

Sincere thanks to the following people who have donated to the Flower Fund

June

Mrs Marjorie McConnell

July

Mrs Sheila Bell

Mrs Maureen Miller

Mrs Sandra Nisbet

Mrs Anne Granger

August

Mrs Aileen Sansum

Mrs Beryl Paterson

Mrs Mary Lapham

Donations can be placed in an envelope marked 'Flower Fund' and either put in the offering plate or given to Aileen Sansum.

Cheques should be made payable to Kay Park Church Flower Fund.

STROLLERS & STRIDERS

Since our last magazine, both the Strollers and Striders have continued their programme of walks with one per month each. The time spent walking remains, as before, at around 1 hour for the Strollers and closer to 2 hours for the Striders. An equal time for both groups is spent on post-walk refreshments.

The Strollers have visited Ayr for a walk along the River Ayr; had a local walk from Bonnyton to Knockentiber and back and a trip to Stewarton for a walk through Annick Woods.

June's Striders' walk was a joint venture involving members from both St. Kentigern's and Hurlford Churches. Over 40 walked what we called the Three Churches route from Kay Park via both St. Kentigern's and Hurlford before enjoying a barbecue back at Kay Park with donations and sponsorship raising funds for Christian Aid.

Further Striders' walks visited Troon – Barassie and a somewhat wet Whitelee Wind Farm.

Dates for the remainder of this year are :

Strollers – 7th Sept, 6th Oct, 4th Nov and 3rd Dec.

Striders – 21st Sep, 20th Oct, 18th Nov and 17th Dec.

New walkers are always welcome. Details from David Miller – 07977050624.

David Miller

BOOK REVIEW

The Thursday Murder Club

By Richard Osman

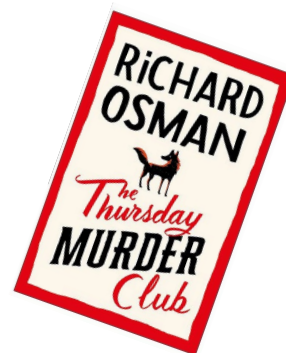
In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders.

But when a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case.

Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing eighty but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves.

Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late?

A delightful novel, full of wit and charm, funny and original.



FLAT JESUS' TRAVELS



Molde Norway



Bergen Norway

Olden Norway



Museum on St Kilda

OBERAMMERGAU

The Oberammergau Passion Play was first performed in 1634. According to local legend, the play is performed every ten years because of a vow made by the inhabitants of the village that if God spared them from the effects of the bubonic plague then sweeping the region, they would perform a passion play every ten years. A man traveling back to the town for Christmas allegedly brought the plague with him by accident. The man purportedly died from the plague and it began spreading throughout Oberammergau. After the vow was made, according to tradition, not another inhabitant of the town died from the plague. All of the town members that were still suffering from the plague are said to have recovered.

The play is now performed in years ending with a zero, as well as in 1934 which was the 300th anniversary and 1984 which was the 350th anniversary (though the 1920 performance was postponed to 1922 due to postwar economic conditions, and the 1940 performance was cancelled due to the onset of the Second World War in 1939). The 2020 play was postponed to 2022 due to the outbreak of COVID-19. It involves over 2000 actors, singers, instrumentalists and technicians, all residents of the village

LIVE STREAMING

Since we started the live stream on Sunday 10th April until Sunday 28th August our average viewing figures are 110. This is either watching it live or afterwards via facebook or other media ways.

We are still in our infancy with this as we are still having technical problems. Hopefully these will be resolved soon.

We are still training members of the team in operating the cameras.

Please subscribe to the Youtube Channel if you haven't already done so. (Kay Park Church) this will help us in getting our live stream further afield.

There will be links on the facebook page & website each Sunday.

Paul Scoular



COMMUNITY HALL LETS

Mon	Scalliwags	9.30am
	Brownies & Guides	6.00pm
	Parkinson's Community Singers	6.00pm
	K & D Choral Union	3.00pm
Tues	Killie Heartmates	6.00pm
Wed	GA	7.30pm
Thur	Killie Heartmates	6.30pm
	Rock Choir	7.30pm

For more information on any of the above groups or information about hiring the halls, please contact the Church Administrator

chrchdmnstr@outlook.com or phone 07394173977

SCALLIWAGS

The Scalliwags meet every Monday morning from 9.30am, the group caters for children under 3 and are usually accompanied by parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. It is a friendly group and all are made welcome. If you would be interested in joining the group please email

scalliwags@live.co.uk

QUOTE

“Prayer is putting yourself in the hands of God”

Mother Teresa

PARKINSONS COMMUNITY

The Parkinson's Community Singers is for people with Parkinson's and their family and friends. The cost is £3 per session... No auditions or previous musical experience required. Zoom access possible.

HILLHOUSE

Hillhouse held a Ladies afternoon tea and fashion show (Personal Touch) on Saturday 3rd of September. This was a really successful event with lots of fun and laughter. It is 3 years since they had their last event in our church due to Covid 19 and it was great to welcome them back and have the halls buzzing with fun & fizz. All the proceeds are going to buy Christmas presents for local children.



WEDNESDAY CAFE

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the cafe during the summer by helping and by visiting. We have had lots of people both from our church family and people just dropping in. We even had a visit from Ukrainian people who are now living in Kilmarnock.

Some days the chat is so loud you can't hear the background music and that is fantastic!!!

We now have dominoes, board games and colouring books so we can cater to all ages.

If you haven't yet managed please come along and enjoy the fellowship.

Jean Deans

September

7 Elizabeth Goudie
14 Olive Caldwell
21 Morag Lindsay
28 Marlyn Gorman

October

5 Sheila Davies/Olive Caldwell
12 Mary McDowall
19 Marlene McAllister
26 Maureen Miller

November

2 Elizabeth Goudie
9 Marlyn Gorman
16 Elizabeth Dyet
23 Maureen Taylor
30 Morag Lindsay

"Even if you don't make a sound, God still hears"

WELCOME TEAM ROTA

SEPT

18th	Alex Dempster	Moira Graham	Maureen Taylor
25th	Alex Steven	John Smith	Anne Stewart

OCT

2nd	Gordon Slater	Angela Murray	Maureen Miller
9th	Olive Gow	Jean Deans	Christine Watt
16th	Bobby Biggar	Morag Lindsey	Aileen Sansum
23rd	John Dyet	Liz Dyet	Michael Lacy

NOV

6th	Vanessa Twomey	Ian Bremner	Jess Barry
13th	Sheila Davies	Allan Hamilton	Aileen McPhee
20th	Alex Dempster	Moira Graham	Maureen Taylor
27th	Alex Steven	John Smith	Anne Stewart



COLIN & SILVIJA WILDE

Tel-el-Kebir Cottages

Many of you will know that in the summer Colin and I returned from a trip up north to visit family with an unusual holiday souvenir – a somewhat run-down sandstone cottage in Invergordon! Named Tel-el-Kebir Cottages, after a decisive 1882 battle in Egypt the terraced row of five was built shortly after the campaign and lies just behind the High Street near to the harbour. Long a naval dockyard, Invergordon now hosts cruise ships from near and far, with the tax haven vessel, the World and the Disney Cruise ship being recent visitors.

It has been an extremely busy few months since; packing up our 10-year part-time life on Arran, sourcing the additional essentials, such as furniture and bringing a very old, neglected home back to life. Over the last sunny weeks we have re-discovered skills (and muscles) untroubled since the 1970's. Many walls have been painted, rusty metal fences and clothes poles revitalised, garden boundaries stained, cupboards dismantled, damp proofing installed, shelves built, electrics improved and electronics installed. Mains gas, central heating and crucially a woodburning stove have been scheduled for the autumn.

This has not, of course been achieved alone, with friends of the boys playing a crucial role. Davy the Joiner popped in the day after we arrived to look at what was to be done and then uttered those dreamt-of words, “Right, I’ll be round in the morning”!

Blythswood, long known to us for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal, has its headquarters in nearby Evanton, alongside its large charity warehouse. This has proved invaluable!

In many ways, it has been very relaxing, with nothing to worry about, other than the day’s tasks, however physically onerous. We have had time off, notably for church, just at the end of the road, and last weekend for the Stoltman Street Party, celebrating the success of the local Stoltman brother in national, European and World Strongman events. Just as in past generations these activities have provided time for reflection, recuperation and a chance to meet up with friends and family.

We are very much looking forward to exploring Easter Ross and beyond and have already made good use of the free bus link between our homes. A welcome is extended to all. We lie just off the North Coast 500 route.

The Kilmarnock Cordyline is flourishing at the front door, and is pictured, along with our somewhat magnificent shed.



KPPC GUILD

We had a very successful summer with our coffee and chat the last Tuesday of the month, we had good numbers each Tuesday and everybody said how much they enjoyed meeting over the summer.

The new session starts on 11 October at 2pm and we look forward to welcoming old and new members. The programme is varied for the coming session and hopefully there is something in it for everybody.

Dates for the diary

11 October Mementoes & Memories—Rev Fiona Maxwell

25 October Rock Choir

8 November Barber Shop Boys—Alan Garrity

22 November Informal Coffee & Chat

26 November Coffee Morning

6 December Informal Coffee & Chat

13 December Christmas Lunch at Salt & Barrel

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Harvest thanksgiving is on Sunday 2nd of October at 11 am. You are invited to bring along items for the Salvation Army Food-bank such as :



Tinned items—soups, vegetables, beans, fruit

Packets—tea, sugar, pasta, rice, breakfast cereals, dried fruit

Jars/bottles— coffee, pasta, sauce, stir fry sauces, tomato ketchup, jams

Toiletries—soap, toothpaste/brushes, face cloths

Goodies—sweets, biscuits, soft drinks, crisps

After morning worship you are then invited to the halls for a simple lunch of soup and crusty bread followed by tea/ coffee and a biscuit. All proceeds will go to Christian Aid.

DOORS OPEN DAY

Kay Park opened it's doors to the public on 10th September 2022 as part of national Doors Open Day in Scotland. There was a lovely ambience in the church and around 15 visitors paid us a visit commenting on the warmth of the welcome and how interesting they had found their visit. A Prayer Tree and Book of Condolence was available in the Quiet Room.

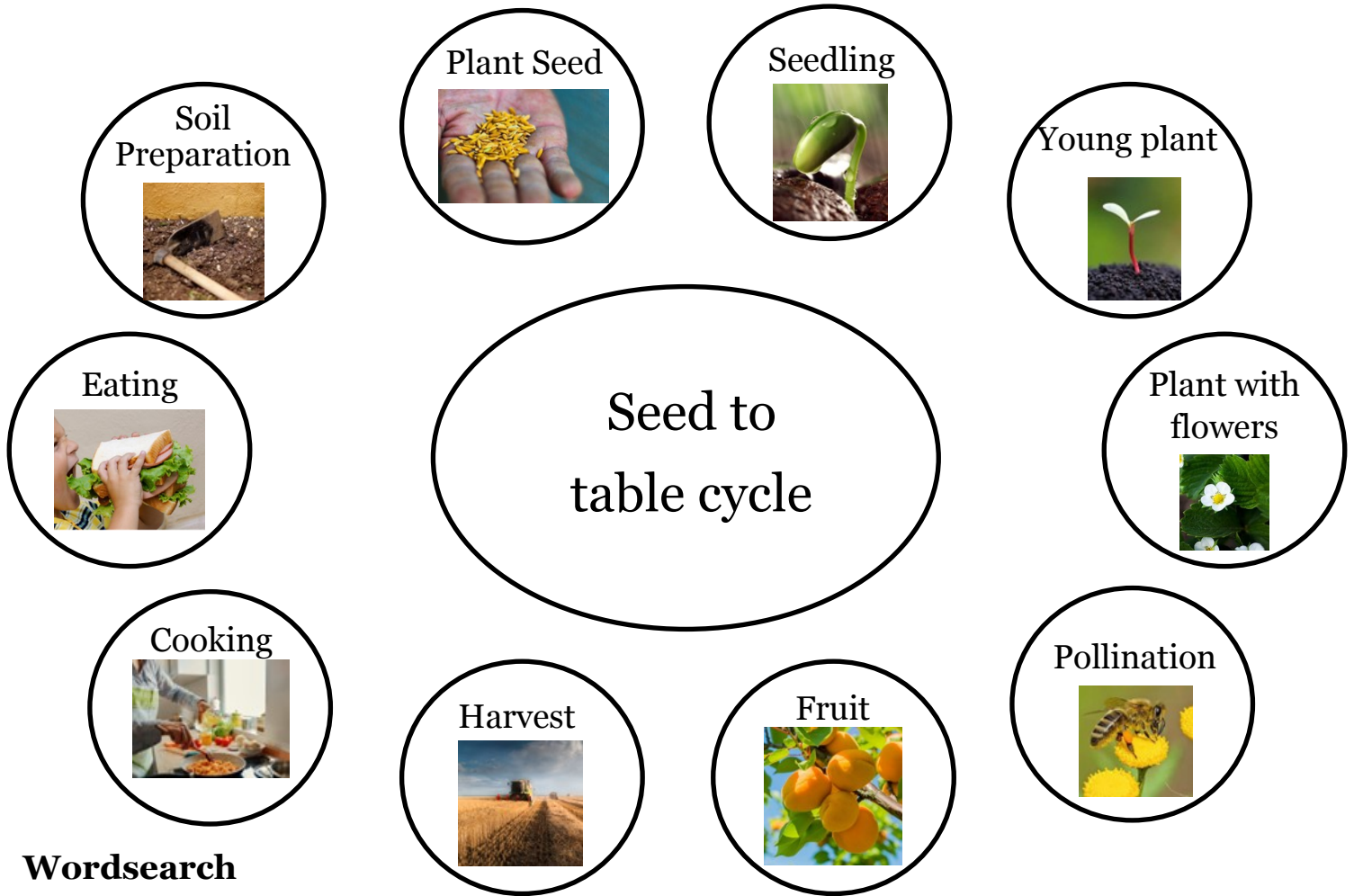
I would like to thank the team of volunteers - Jean, Jim, Sheena, Morag, Alex, Janette, Tracey, Anne, Bobby, Liz, Paul and Graeme who gave of their time so willingly enabling us once again to participate in this event.

Janet Grant



YOUNG CHURCH

How does our food get to our table



Wordsearch

A	P	P	L	E	S	G	G	O	D
B	L	C	R	D	E	E	F	L	G
H	U	I	A	W	E	J	K	I	L
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F	R	U	I	T	P	R	I	C	E

Try to find the following words

Apples	Carrots	Food	Fruit
God	Harvest	Heat	Light
Nuts	Onions	Plant	Plums
Rain	Rice	Seeds	Sun
Thanks	Trees	Vegetables	Water

Fruit of the Spirit Necklace

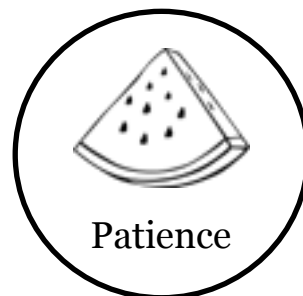
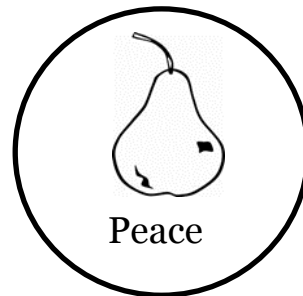
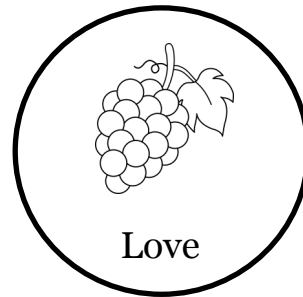
Try making yourself a necklace like this and send your photos to chrch-dmnstr@outlook.com to be included in the next addition



Colouring Sheet



Give thanks
to the Lord.
Psalm 136:1



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FUNERALS

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

Thursday 12 August

Mrs Isabella McGill

BAPTISMS

Sunday 21 August

Adrian Sanchez

Sunday 28 August

Nathan Granger

KIRK SESSION MEETINGS

7.30 pm in the Sanctuary

Wednesday 28 September

Wednesday 12 October

Wednesday 9 November

Wednesday 14 December

UPCOMING DATES

Harvest Thanksgiving 2 October

Communion Sunday 6 November

Thank you

May and Douglas would like to thank the church for the lovely flowers received for their wedding anniversary and special birthdays. It was a lovely surprise and greatly appreciated. With love & Best wishes to you all.

Douglas & May McCreadie