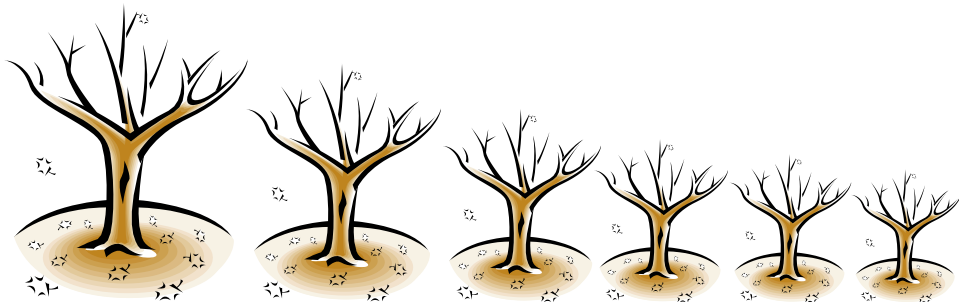


# *Concord*

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St. Andrew's and St. Peter's.  
Your Scottish Episcopal Church  
in Ardrossan, Irvine and Dalry.



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Dear friends,

As September comes to a close it seemed to be a time of welcome as we return from holidays and the organizations start afresh for their new sessions. One particular special event also happened in our church life. The Revd Martin Sofield joined the North Ayrshire Ministry Team as an NSM and has already been to the three churches in that capacity. It gave me a great deal of pleasure to welcome both Martin and his wife Freda officially to each of our congregations now all the formalities are complete. Martin and Freda have of course been familiar faces in the Ardrossan congregation for some years as they spent holiday time in their apartment at the marina. Moving from Manchester has been a slow process but now thankfully they are with us and I am sure you will all be looking forward to Martin's ministry among us.

Another welcoming experience was on a national level when I was invited by some Roman Catholic friends to the visit of Pope Benedict XVI at Bellahouston Park in Glasgow. It was certainly a pilgrim experience, with our pilgrim packs on our back we gathered at Saltcoats, then the train journey to Cardonald railway station and finally the walk to the park itself. There had been much speculation in the press as to the numbers of people who would attend, this was coloured by the issues that have surrounded the R.C. church for some time. Critics are always there to challenge the Christian faith particularly in the secular world and some in the scientific world. The arrival of Pope Benedict in our country has, I hope, given all of us a sense of commitment once again to the faith that has been passed on to us. The sun shone through the clouds and it was a wonderful day being there again in Bellahouston as I had been 28 years previous when Pope John Paul II came to Scotland. It seems to me it was a visit that we as Christians should all give thanks for and encourage us to discover the gift of faith afresh.

We all need from time to time be re-energised in our faith and I hope that the Pope Benedict's visit will indeed send a message of encouragement that it is a joyful experience to be a Christian in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in Scotland and that we are working together in faith for the country that we call home.

That brings us back home to our three congregations and the special relationship with the Church of Scotland in St Andrew's Irvine where we will gather on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November to reaffirm that commitment to each other and welcome each other in the faith that we share. The Irvine congregations will sign a covenant, making them a Local Ecumenical Partnership knowing that they have shared the building since 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1973 when at the invitation of the Minister, Kirk Session and Board, Episcopalian services began. A new chapter in that journey will begin as we work closer together but it also continues as the past reminds us that we are "Not Strangers But Pilgrims".

Every Blessing,

*Sandy*




### **The Prayer Support Team**

In October please pray for



Dorothy Lynam  
Julie McLaughlan  
Pauline Thompson  
Susan Garner  
Ella Nettlefold  
Claire White  
Pauline Maxwell  
Angela Churchill

June Wallace  
Eveline Gray  
Stuart Mitchell  
May Barclay  
June Jamieson  
Kit Still  
James Currall  
Anna Currall



Anna Sinclair  
Connie Mulcock  
Mary Wallace  
Ron Coutts  
Mary Coutts  
Susan Barlow  
David Williams  
Susan McHarg

*We remember this month,  
Ardrossan Ladies Group*

## Puzzle Verse

# Almost adult stuff!

Can you fit the underlined words correctly into the grid?  
One letter has already been entered to get you started.

### How many does it take?

by Duncan MacKellar

We've got to change this lightbulb,  
A daunting task indeed.  
There's me and you, that makes two,  
How many more ants do we need?

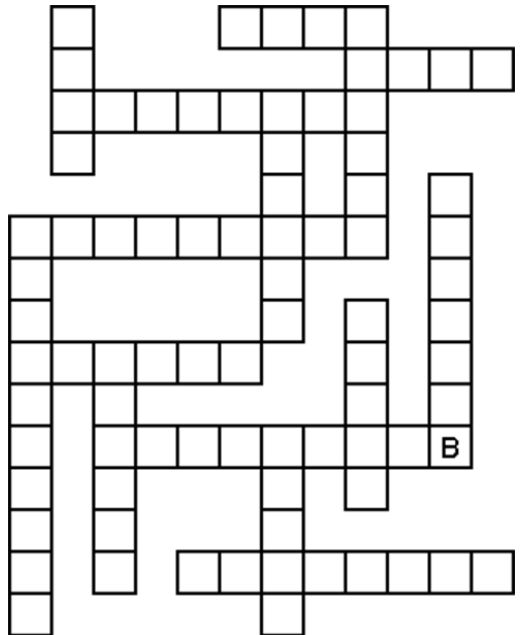
Look inside that hollow log,  
I'll check behind this tree.  
Find a troop or even a group,  
Then send them over to me.

There's no such thing as impossible,  
We work together as one.  
Ants are strong, we march right  
on,  
Until the job is done.

Oh good, you've found  
the others,  
This job won't be so tough.  
A thousand and three  
including me,  
That should be more than  
enough.

At times like this a proverb,  
Is a useful kind of perk.  
So remember that old saying,  
"Many ants make light work."

*Thanks to Stuart Mitchell.*



## **Christian Aid**



Coffee Morning at Old Parish Church hall,  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 10 to 12pm.

Tickets £1.50 from Margaret Ferguson.

*Margaret*



## **Quiz Night in Aid of Christian Aid**

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our quiz night. We had a great evening. I would also like to thank Sandy for being our quiz master and those who donated money even though they could not come. We raised £130.00 for Christian Aid, thank you all again. Congratulations to the winning team, from the left, Kath Scott, Matthew Scott, Michael Scott and Daniel Groves.

*Susan Groves*



*(They will look better on our Web Site—in proper colour!)*

## Getting Old (Part 1 of 2)



A very elderly gentleman, (mid nineties) very well dressed, and hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel smelling slightly of a good after shave, presenting a well looked after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. Seated at the bar is an elderly looking lady, (mid eighties). The gentleman walks over, sits along side of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"

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An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a hearing aid that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will 3 times!"

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Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says, "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?"

Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby."  
"Really? Like a new-born baby:?"  
"Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."



*Lesley McCowatt*

*ps. Part 2 will be in next month's Magazine.*

## Cards Galore



Have you lately received a card for your birthday, or wedding anniversary, or with get well wishes, or similar, and looked at the back of it? Did you see a wee label saying 'made for you by Lilian'? Yes, that is **our** Lilian. What a gift she has. Lilian has made lots of cards for me, as well as all the MU cards and others she has been sending to Church members. And I know she would welcome commissions from other folk too, but is too modest to say so...so I am blowing her trumpet for her! Contact her on 01294 276568.



*Lesley McCowatt*

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## The Bible in fifty words



God made  
Adam bit  
Noah arked  
Abraham split  
Joseph ruled  
Jacob fooled  
Bush talked  
Moses barked  
Pharaoh plagued  
People walked  
Sea divided  
Tablets guided  
Promise landed

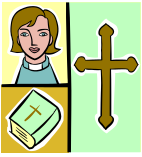
Saul freaked  
David peeked  
Prophets warned  
Jesus born  
God walked  
Love talked  
Anger crucified  
Hope died  
Love rose  
Spirit flamed  
Word spread  
God remained.



*Lesley McCowatt*



## Profile & job description for new Rector.



As you are all aware since Scott left us we have had to produce a profile and job description to advertise ourselves to any potential candidates for the post of Rector.

The joint vestries had a meeting with Bishop Gregor in late June. He outlined how things would proceed during the interregnum. He had produced a useful leaflet for us to follow in compiling our profile.

Joint vestries then had a day with Anne Tomlinson, Diocesan Development Officer, who helped us look in detail at what was entailed in writing the profile. From this day each vestry had a set of notes on which to base their input to the profile. Toby Churchill was asked to write a structure on which the profile was based.

At the joint vestry meeting in early August 3 members of each vestry were elected to compile the profile. I was elected as the coordinator of the information.

The profile committee have worked hard to produce what we believe is a balanced, honest view of all three churches and how we work together. The job description is written in a style that reflects all of our needs and should give potential candidates a clear idea of what we would require from our new Rector.

Draft copies were available for congregations to comment on, all comments have been looked at to see what is feasible to incorporate to allow this profile to reflect as many views as possible without losing its function or purpose. The e profile goes to Bishop Gregor at the end of September for his comments.

I would like to thank all those who contributed in any way to the profile. I pray as I am sure you do, that everyone's effort will afford us a new Rector soon.

*Susan Groves.*





- Sun 24<sup>th</sup>**      **Pentecost 22**
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup>**      **Irvine AGM** *after Service*
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup>**      **Magazine** – last day for articles
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup>**      **Mothers Union** at Ardrossan 2.00pm  
                     MU Cambodia trip by Margaret Lory
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup>**      **Joint Vestry** at Ardrossan 7.30pm
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup>**      **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan 10am
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>**      **Irvine Men’s Club** 7.30pm  
                     The Ayrshire Hospice Mrs Barbara McKie
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>**      **The Church and the Academy** at Glasgow University 5.30pm
- Sun 31<sup>st</sup>**      **Pentecost 23 – All Saints Sunday**
- Sun 31<sup>st</sup>**      **Dalry AGM** *after Service*
- Sun 31<sup>st</sup>**      **Magazine available**
- November**
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup>**      **Irvine Guild** 1.30pm
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup>**      **Ladies Group** Ardrossan 7.30pm
- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan 10am
- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>**      **Bible Explorers** 7.30 pm  
                     at 47B Montgomerie St, Ardrossan
- Sun 7<sup>th</sup>**      **Joint Service and Covenant Signing with**  
**Church of Scotland; St Andrew’s, Irvine at 11am**  
*(Please note: No service in Ardrossan or Dalry)*
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup>**      **Holy Communion** at 10am, 60 Galt Ave, Irvine



# Last Writes

*From the Sub-editor's desk*

I was hoping that after all those exotic holidays there would be a trickle of interesting stories. Even, unusual encounters. Next month will do. As usual, Concord can be viewed on our Web Site.

Deadline for articles for inclusion in our next Magazine is October 24th.

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*Michael Whitby*



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**St. Andrew's, Ardrossan, St. Andrew's, Irvine and St. Peter's, Dalry form the  
North Ayrshire Team Ministry  
of the Scottish Episcopal Church.**

**A warm welcome awaits you at any of our services.**

### **Service Details:**

#### **St. Andrew's Ardrossan**

Sundays 11.15am Family Communion, Crèche and Sunday School

Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion (except 2nd Wednesday)

#### **St Andrew's Irvine**

Sundays 9.30am Family Communion & Sunday School

#### **St. Peter's Dalry**

Sundays 10am Holy Communion



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