

# *Concord*

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



# All Saints Sunday

October 2011

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*Dear friends,*

As we slip out of September and into October we usually leave behind the hot summer days and move into the cooler times of autumn. This year, though, we haven't seen many of those hot sunny days, and we even experienced the remains of a hurricane in early September. Autumn is a time for change as we put away some things and bring out others that are more suitable. In the garden, for example, autumn is the time to clear out the flower beds and prepare them for the winter frosts. Autumn is also the time for us to put away our summer clothing and bring out our winter coats and scarves. The Church also changes seasons and in the autumn we come to the end of the Church year as we head towards Advent.

All this seems very materialistic doesn't it? But we also make changes in our spiritual life as we move through the seasons of the church year. I was very encouraged to see that three people from Irvine decided to take advantage of an evening at Holy Trinity, Ayr, learning more about leading Intercessions. Prayer is an important part of all our spiritual lives because its the way we talk to God and listen to God. Those who lead Intercessions in Church have the added task of leading the people of God in their supplications, and its not always an easy task. Growth in spirituality is an important part of the Diocesan growth strategy program and indeed of all our congregations. And so helping people talk to God, listen to God, and discover what God wants them to do, is an extremely important task.

I was also encouraged to hear that three people in Ardrossan were interested in the "Journey in Faith" course at Troon. The course explains a little about Worship, Liturgy and Sacraments, when and how the Bible was written, how to read the Bible, and something of what prayer is all about. All the resources are out there somewhere, and so we can all grow in Christian maturity, move further along our path of faith, and become closer to God in all we do. I do hope that as we travel our road together there will be further opportunities for growth as individuals, as congregations, and as a team. I know that not everyone

is suited to the same thing and as Paul says, “..... there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone (I Cor 12:4-6).

We will not all feel drawn to the same things because we all have different abilities, and when God is ready to use them, you can be sure we will know about it. I pray, though, that we can all learn to talk to God through prayer, listen for God`s call, and do God`s will in our lives. In so doing, just as the seasons change, we too will see change in ourselves, in our lives as individuals, and in our communities together. The bulbs have already been planted; I look forward to the blooms that are to come.

*Martin*



## OUR NEW RECTOR



# ARDROSSAN REMEMBRANCE PLAQUE NAMES

You may remember way back in April I was looking for information on the people on the remembrance plaques in Ardrossan. What I'm looking for are photographs and any details that you have about them. I hope to create an on-line remembrance plaque, as part of our web site, for them giving their names, photographs and any history that we have on them. Some of this information may already be lost to us but I'd like to save what we can about these brave men. So if you are related to any of them then please dig through your old photo albums and attic and give me what you can. I'll return all photographs, etc once I've recorded them.

I've had some information on Archibald Alexander but would to receive more information, if we have it.

Hopefully this will be ready for this year's Remembrance Day.

1914 – 1918

*Archibald Alexander, John Ashton, Arthur Clark, William Clark, Robert McIntyre Green, Thomas Irwin, Edward Kingsbury, Christopher Meadows, Hugh McCafferty, John Millan, James McCready, Francis Munn, John Murphy, Maxwell Pearson, Harry Sillars, William Henry Wallace*

1939 – 1945

*Sidney Coleman, Thomas Graham, Martin Jenkins, John George Mellor, Hugh Montgomerie, William Montgomerie*

*Stuart Mitchell*



## **The Prayer Support Team**

In October, please remember in your Prayers

***June Wallace Jean Jamieson Susan Barlow***

as they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month

***Ardrossan Ladies Group***



# kids and Cats

Three kids live in houses next to each other in Catnap Street and each kid has a cat. Can you work out where each kid lives, the type of cat they own and its name?

Look at the picture and clues and fill in the answer box where you can. Then read the clues again to find the answer.



1. Amy lives in house number 1.
2. The cat called Fluffy lives in the middle house.
3. Ben's cat is called Lucky.
4. The ginger cat is called Treacle.
5. Zoe's cat isn't black.
6. One of the cats is white.

**Solution on page 15**

Kid's Name  
 Cat's Name  
 Type

	House 1	House 2	House 3
Kid's Name			
Cat's Name			
Type			

# SMALL ITEMS

## CHRISTIAN AID BOOKSTALL

I operate a second-hand bookstall for Christian Aid at various church events or in the summer in Dockhead Street, Saltcoats. I am always on the lookout for donations of books - paperback or hardback. Books can be handed in at the Ardrossan Church or at 5 High Road, Saltcoats or I will collect - just phone 01294 464526 or email jools@talk21.com. All proceeds from the sale of books go to Christian Aid.

Thank you for your support.

*John Stewart*, Ardrossan Congregation

## IRVINE CHRISTIAN AID

### COFFEE MORNING

Cake 'n Bake & various stalls

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October

10.00am till noon

Old Parish Church Hall, Kirkgate

Tickets £1.50 from Margaret



## THE SHREDDER

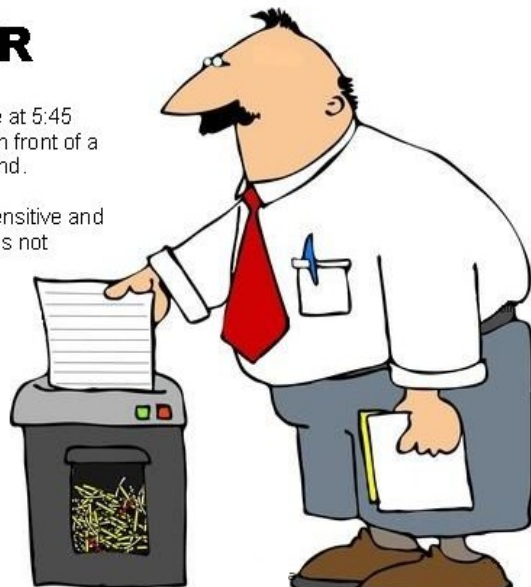
A young engineer was leaving the office at 5:45 p.m. when he found the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

"Listen," said the CEO, "this is a very sensitive and important document, and my secretary is not here. Can you make this thing work?"

"Certainly," said the young engineer. He turned on the machine, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine, "I just need one copy."

**Lesson:** Never, never, ever assume that your boss knows what he's doing.



## When You Were Just Like Us

*“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”*

*Philippians 2:6-7. NIV*

Get-togethers in our family are, thankfully, fun times with good food and relaxing company. But! Sooner or later someone will start reminiscing about “the good old days.” The same old stories will be trotted out and there will usually be someone there who hasn’t heard them before – or is willing to pretend they haven’t!

In days when they were small enough the littlest of my children would sit on my Mum’s lap and the bigger ones will gather around. “Tell us about when Dad was like us,” they would say.

With a smile, and no consideration at all for my dignity, Mum would oblige.

There’s the story of how she once found me standing in a stream with my new leather school shoes on. When demanded to know what I was doing, I waded back to the stream’s edge through knee-high water insisted I only wanted to test the manufacturer’s claim that they were waterproof!

There’s the time she caught me walking off behind another family after a telling off in town. They had four kids and I was sure they wouldn’t notice one more. I was convinced they must surely be nicer to their kids than my mum and dad were to theirs. I wonder how tempted Mum was to let me go.

By this time my children are having a good laugh at their old dad. They love the story of my summer on the river. Along with some friends I dumped four railway sleepers into the water, made a raft and spent the summer cruising the river as a pirate. I learned to swim the following year!

With a disapproving expression (which falls just a fraction short of sincere) she tells how I used to walk, bent double, up the inside of a sewage pipe, because half a mile in it passed under a telephone booth. There was a fresh air vent by the foot of the booth and if you waited long enough you might hear someone making a call – and make your own,

dumb, contributions to it. We thought it was so funny, imagining people wondering where the voices were coming from!

At first I used to worry that this kind of thing might undermine my authority. And it usually does – for all of about twenty minutes. The children don't take me any less seriously when I need them to. They just delight in knowing that, once upon a time, I was a kid too. Maybe it even helps my authority, because they know I know what it is like to be them.

So, I smile (while cringing) and let them have their fun. I'm sure if I showed disapproval they would stop. But that would be hypocritical. Why? Because I hope to do the same thing myself one day. In the Sweet By And By I plan, if I can, to sit at the Lord's feet and say, "Father, tell me about when you were like me?"

Those will be some good stories!

*David McLaughlan*

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## MARTINA

Miss Martina, a doll beautifully dressed by May McMeekin, has revealed that her birthday is 11 November...St Martin's Day, St Martin being the Apostle to the Gauls.

The winner of the doll, being only one day out, was Gladys Greig, but she has no one to share it with, so she very graciously decided to let the next nearest in date win the doll. So...the lucky winner is Kirsten Allison, and you can see from the photograph that she was delighted to receive her prize.

The competition has raised £35.10 for the work of the Mothers' Union. A very big thank you to all who supported.

*Lesley McCowatt*



## PUZZLE VERSE

Solution on page 15

Fit the underlined words correctly into the grid.

### The Quest

by Duncan MacKellar

Far below, another world,  
The distant land is green.  
This is the mountain, unforgiving,  
Nothing in between.

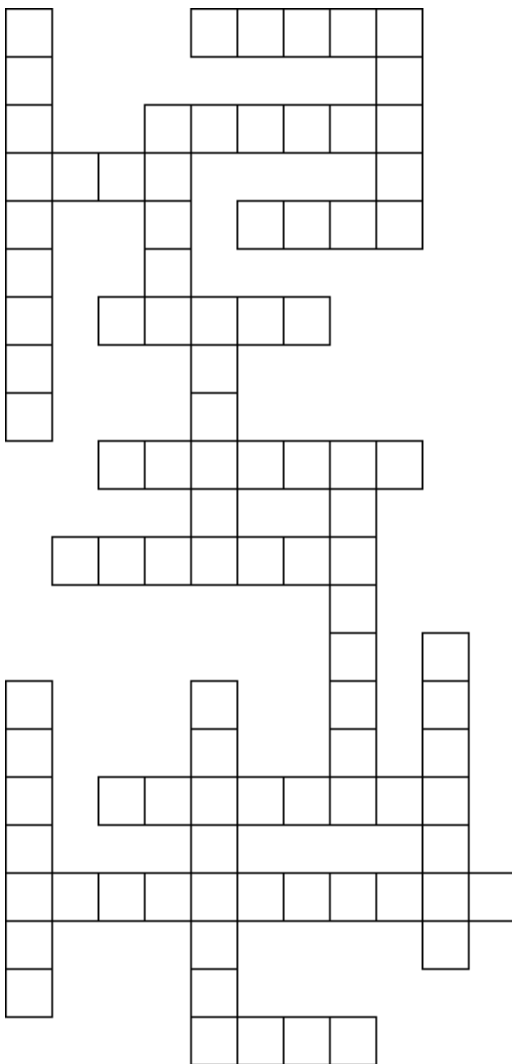
A fragile ledge beneath the sun,  
Out here and alone.  
Every movement forms a dance,  
Shadows on the stone.

The weathered wall, smooth and sheer,  
Offers up the test.  
No mistake, no second chance,  
No room for second best.

Searching fingers scan the face,  
Inching slowly on.  
Faith becomes a living thing,  
It holds you or it's gone.

Decisions without wavering,  
Action safe and sure.  
Every thought is positive,  
Simple, clear and pure.

Beyond all knowledge, strength and skill,  
The will can never rest.  
It seeks to conquer fear and death,  
And triumph in the quest.



A challenging one from *Stuart Mitchell*

**Something  
serious  
to  
think  
about.**

*Tuesday - How Harry Prays*

Harry doesn't believe we have to kneel down to pray. "God doesn't need to see me humbled," he said. So, how did he pray, I asked.

"Oh, on my knees," he replied.

Seeing me at a loss Harry explained. "There are parts of me that are less than perfect, believe it or not; parts that are vain, independent, doubting. When I kneel they have to as well. And it does *me* good to see them humbled."

*Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.  
Psalm 95:6. NIV*

*Thursday – Follow The Leader*

General Colin Powell was about to give a speech on how to inspire people to win battles. Also on the bill was 90 year old preacher Dr Norman Vincent Peale. Noticing Dr Peale had a shoelace loose General Powell knelt down and tied it for him.

An aide whispered to Dr Peale, "Now you know why he wins battles. Who wouldn't follow a man like that anywhere?"

A good example. Here's a better one -

*After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. John 13:5. NIV.*

*Sunday – Buckle The Week*

In a world that tries to make each day of the week the same as every other day, we have a choice. We can go that way, or we can follow the example of the poet Longfellow and make Sunday "*the golden clasp that binds together the volume of the week.*"

Now, which option would make for a better week?

*For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Exodus 20:11. NIV*

### *Friday – The Kitten’s Tail*

Some people spend a lifetime studying theology and it can all get a bit high-minded and – let’s face it – boring. But there can be a joy and simplicity to it all as the nineteenth century German poet and novelist Heinrich Heine so beautifully describes here –

***“God is not so dull as some of the parsons make out. Did He not make the kitten to chase its tail?”***

### *Saturday – Keifer’s Credo*

Film star Keifer Sutherland could easily be forgiven for hesitating when asked where he’s from. He was born in England, raised in Canada and spent a big part of his life working in the U.S..

But there is no uncertainty, no hesitation when it comes to his personal philosophy. It’s a simple idea he inherited from his grandfather and one the world might benefit from adopting.

It’s simply this, “Never walk past a man in the street when he’s down.”

***But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.***

***Luke 10:33. NIV***

*David McLaughlan*

### *Monday – What Matters*

I know it’s a joke, but ...

An old and much respected sea captain had a mysterious ritual. Every day he would open his safe, read the bit of paper he kept there then lock it away again. After he died the first mate took the paper from the safe. The crew were desperately curious. Was it a treasure map? Was it a letter from a lost love?

The first mate held it up in front of them. The crew went silent with expectation. He read out loud. “Port means left. Starboard means right.” He had his essential information! And he checked it every day. Ours is in the Bible. Have you checked yours recently?

### *Wednesday – Tweet Tweet*

George Meredith had some success as a writer in the Victorian era, but he also knew hardship. His mother died when he was five and his wife left him for another man. So, a life with equal shares of happiness and sadness, perhaps, like many.

But one of Meredith's lines hinted at his conviction that all would work out well in the end. It's a thought we might borrow as the need arises.

***Meredith wrote, “I feel sure that whatever happens to this battered old cage of mine, the little bird inside will be all right.”***



**Church and the Academy**  
**2011**  
**Autumn Term**

**Thursday 29th September**

**Revd Canon Dr. Mike Fuller**

(Pantonian Professor & TISEC Co-ordinator)

*Theology and Science*

**Thursday 27th October**

**Revd Dr AKMA Adam**

(Lecturer in New Testament Studies, University of Glasgow)

**Thursday 24th November**

**Mr Michael Bawtree**

(Lecturer RSAMD and Director of Music, St Margaret's Newlands)

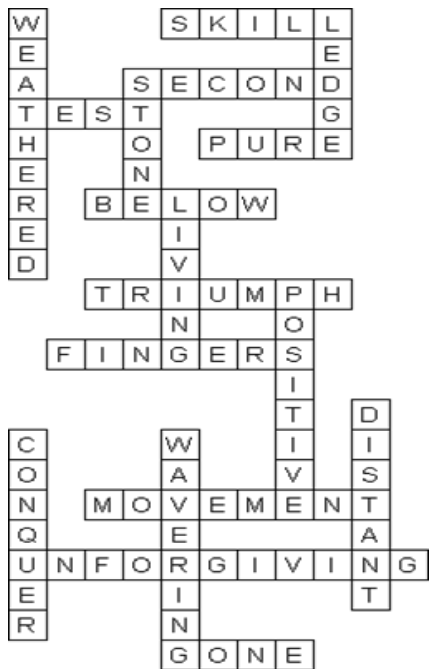
*Sacred Music*

All sessions take place on Thursday evenings at 5.30pm in

No.4, The Square, University of Glasgow

All are very welcome

## Solution to Puzzle Verse on page 11



## Solution to KIDS & CATS on page 7

Amy lives in house 1 (clue 1). Fluffy lives in house 2 (clue 2). Ben's cat is called Lucky (3), so doesn't live in house 1 or 2, so house 3. By elimination, Zoe lives in house 2 and Treacle lives in house 1 and (4), is ginger. Zoe's cat isn't black (5), so white (6). By elimination, the black cat belongs to Ben.

House 1	House 2	House 3
Amy	Zoe	Ben
Treacle	Fluffy	Lucky
ginger	white	black

# More Nonsense

## Unlikely Classroom Stories

*TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America .*

**MARIA: Here it is.**

*TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America ?*

**CLASS: Maria.**

*TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?*

**JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.**

*TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'*

**GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'**

*TEACHER: No, that's wrong*

**GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.**

*TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?*

**DONALD: H I J K L M N O.**

*TEACHER: What are you talking about?*

**DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.**

**Unknown source, probably American**

# What's Happening When....Now to October....



## September

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup>**      **Pentecost 15 – Harvest**  
**Joint Service in Ardrossan 11.15am**  
*There will be no Service in Dalry or Irvine*  
**Meeting after Service of all who lead Intercessions**  
**Magazine Now available**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup>**      **MU Ardrossan 2.00pm**  
*Church music Speaker: Colleen Anderson*  
**Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7.00pm**  
*Upper Room with Church of Scotland*  
**Irvine Guild 7.00pm to 8.3pm**  
*Coffee Evening with fun and frolics*

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup>**      **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10am**

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup>**      **World's Biggest Coffee Morning 10.30am – 12 noon**  
*(MacMillan)*

## October

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup>**      **Christian Aid Coffee Morning 10am till noon**  
*Old Parish Church Hall, Kirkgate, Irvine*  
*Tickets £1.50 from Margaret*

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **Pentecost 16**

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **Ladies Group Ardrossan 7.30pm**  
*Jean Kelly “Jewellery Making”*  
**Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7.00pm**  
*Upper Room with Church of Scotland*  
**Irvine Guild 1.30pm**  
*Enrolment*

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup>**      **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10am**



# What's Happening When....October....

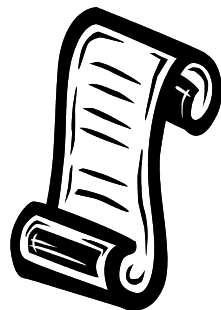


- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>**      **Bible Explorers, Ardrossan at 7.30pm**  
*Exploring Mark*
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>**      **Book Club.** *Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm*  
*Yvonne's house, Tamarind, Benslie. The book is*  
*'The Woman in white' by Wilkie Collins.*
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup>**          **Pentecost 17**
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup>**       **Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7.00pm**  
*Upper Room with Church of Scotland*
- Irvine Guild 1.30pm**  
*Opening Social*
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup>**       **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10am**  
*MU Corporate Communion*
- Fellowship of Meditation 7.30pm**  
*At 53 Hawkhill Drive, Stevenston*
- Sun 16<sup>th</sup>**       **Pentecost 18**
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup>**       **Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7.00pm**  
*Upper Room with Church of Scotland*
- Irvine Guild 1.30pm**  
*Bible Study*
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup>**       **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10am**
- Thur 20<sup>th</sup>**       **Bible Explorers, Ardrossan at 7.30pm**  
*Exploring Mark*
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>**       **Pentecost 19**  
**Magazine** *Last day for articles*
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup>**       **Mothers Union 2pm**  
*Visiting Speaker: Liz O'Ryan*
- Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7.00pm**  
*Upper Room with Church of Scotland*
- Irvine Guild 1.30pm**  
*Maggie's Gifts*



## ***What's Happening When....October to November....***

- Wed 26<sup>th</sup>**      **Holy Communion** *at Ardrossan 10am*  
**Ardrossan Vestry** 7.30pm
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>**    **'Church & the Academy'** 5.30pm  
*At 4 The Square, Glasgow University*  
**Drama Group** *at 10.30am*  
*Contact is Fiona on 07 977 235 168*
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup>**      **All Saints Sunday**  
**November Magazine** *Now available*
- Mon 31<sup>st</sup>**      **Irvine Guild** 1.30pm  
*Homecoming – Helen McLean*
- November**
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **Holy Communion** *at Ardrossan 10am*
- Thur 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **Bible Explorers, Ardrossan** *at 7.30pm*  
*Film night*
- Sun 6<sup>th</sup>**      **Pentecost 21**
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup>**      **Bible Study & Prayer Meeting** 7.00pm  
*Upper Room with Church of Scotland*  
**Ladies Group Ardrossan** 7.30pm  
*Mission Aviation Fellowship by Graeme Last*
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup>**      **Holy Communion** *at Ardrossan 10am*  
*MU Corporate Union*  
**Fellowship of Meditation** 7.30pm  
*At 53 Hawkhill Drive, Stevenston*



# Last Writes

*From the Editor's desk*

Autumn has arrived. Oh for those long hot Summer days!  
Can I ask all those who look after their Section's Diary/Calendar, to check that I have done it right. As usual, Concord can be viewed on our Web Site. Deadline for articles for inclusion in our next Magazine is 23rd October  
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*Michael Whitby*

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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 Junior Church  
Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion

**St Andrew's Irvine**

Sundays 9.30am Family Communion & Sunday School

**St. Peter's Dalry**

Sundays 10am Holy Communion

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