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in Ardrossan, Irvine and Dalry.



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Sandy Writes....

Martin is on holiday at the moment and has asked me provide the letter for the magazine this month. He has been our rector for just over a year and I am sure you will agree has brought many new ideas and possibilities to our three churches in the North Ayrshire Team. We already know the importance of working closer together and in that strength we continue to grow particularly as we move into the second year since the launch of Diocesan Growth Strategy. Someone once said that growth begins when we start to accept our own weakness and there is some truth in that, but it is from small beginnings that growth happens and that is where our focus should be in the coming year.

It was a wonderful surprise for me as I opened the local newspaper and saw a picture of the Ardrossan choir receiving their Voice for Life certificates and badges from the Royal School of Church Music. All credit to Colleen Anderson, our organist for her work, dedication and encouragement in making this possible. The small choir of three had become ten as I counted the happy faces on the photograph. It does seem already through small beginnings, growth is happening. You will find the photograph on the church web site under "choir" if you haven't already viewed it and possibly in this issue of the magazine.

A sign of hope experienced recently was the reaction on television of the folk from Liverpool as they were exonerated after hearing the result of the recent enquiry into the Hillsborough disaster on 15th April 1989, when 96 people were crushed to death at the football stadium in Sheffield. An Independent panel meeting in Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral and chaired by Rt. Revd. James Jones, Bishop of Liverpool, delivered the news that their wait of 23 years was over and the burden that they carried had been lifted from them. Accusations that the fans had caused the disaster had been squashed and that the Liverpool fans were not to blame for the tragedy. It was the result the families had always hope for and they held on to that hope throughout, that the truth would win in the end and it did.

October takes us into the changing season of autumn and the leaves if they can stay on the trees will turn to those red and gold colours. It's famously called the Fall in North America but it can be just as attractive here if you are out on a country road or even in your garden, we only have to look around us to see the beauty of nature. Perhaps this poem by **John Greenleaf Whittier** helps us appreciate how the season's change can give us hope.

*The autumn time has come;
On woods that dream of bloom,
And over purpling vines,
The low sun fainter shines.*

*The aster flower is failing,
The hazel's gold is paling;
Yet overhead more near
The eternal stars appear.*

*And present gratitude
Insures the future's good,
And for the things I see
I trust the things to be;*

*That in the paths untrod,
And the long days of God,
My feet shall still be led,
My heart be comforted*

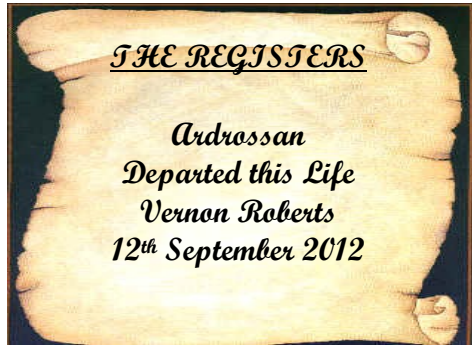
That hope is fixed for us in the person of Jesus, who came among us not as a kind of superman, rather he is a man who cries, gets tired, needs to sleep, eat and drink like the rest of us. God had given him powers beyond our knowledge as we find in the gospels but the fact that his ordinary humanity fills every page must surely give us great comfort and hope. We may well go through a series of crisis in our lives but Jesus has been there before us, he is there with us in the pain and anxiety, in the relief and expectation when life is changed.

May we all find Jesus' support as we journey through the years in growth and development that help us to see new hopes and horizons.

Sandy



The Registers and Prayer Support



The Prayer Support Team

In October, please remember in your Prayers

June Wallace Kit Still Mary McKillop

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month

Mothers Union

Interesting Bits of News

Tulip Fest

Ardrossan Restoration Fund

From end of September, I will be holding a sale of Spring bulbs, cards and bookmarks, in St Andrew's Ardrossan Church hall on Sundays. In celebration of our stained glass, I will have a Tulip theme for 'Angel Plucking Tulips' and an Easter theme with Daffodils for 'The Sepulchre'.

Plant early for a Spring display in support of St Andrew's Ardrossan Restoration Fund!

Heather Upfield,



CHRISTIAN AID, IRVINE

Christian Aid are having a coffee morning on Saturday 6th October in the Old Parish Church hall, Kirkgate from 10 till noon. Includes Cake 'n Candy; Handbag and Jewellery stalls. All welcome. Tickets from Margaret.

Margaret Ferguson

St. Andrew's, Irvine, Christmas Fayre

St. Andrew's Christmas Fayre will be held a month earlier than usual on Saturday 3rd November from 10.00a.m. - 12.00p.m. Stalls are available for private hire at a cost of £10. Please contact Elizabeth Bremner, tel. 273387 if you would like to have a stall.

Elizabeth Bremner



LADIES GROUP

Please note that for our meeting on Monday 8th October, the guest speaker for the evening is Colleen Anderson who will be speaking to us about "Broken Families", instead of the History Of Malta. This meeting is open to everyone, if you would like to come along you would be most welcome.

DENISE ALLEN

St Andrews Ardrossan, Restoration Fund.

We have been fund raising for about six months now and we thought you may like to know how things are going. It is estimated we will need in excess of £120,000 to start with the final figure has not yet been confirmed as we have to have various specialists give their estimate of costs. A grant application has been submitted to Scottish Heritage Trust and we will attempt to contact other sources once we have an answer from them. It is better to ask others once we have confirmation of the need apparently

We have, during the past six months enjoyed fellowship at various events and the amount raised, so far from car boot sales is £1203.74, with another one at Largs in the pipeline. Various events such as the bowling night, supper at the Boss household and the BBQ have raised £1,100.95. The Children have collected £110.64 with the Sunday Bucket and the smartie tubes £199.32. Various folk have been making craft items and this has so far raised £270. These figures [£2884.65] represent money given to the treasurer and the total may be greater than this but has not yet reached her tiny hand. We have also had generous gifts directly to the treasurer of £4,795.98. A total of £7,680.63 pre gift aid !!! Not a bad effort so far and loads of fun together which has enabled us to know each other better. An aim of our Growth strategy I believe so two birds with one stone.

We had the BBQ in the beginning of September and as the photo shows we had a good turn out from all congregations. The children had a wonderful craft session which involved icing cup cakes for the BBQ and then the bravest of all went out on the treasure trail walk. When they returned they looked as though they had been further north than Ardrossan harbour as the wind and rain were blowing, Lots of laughter on despite their bedraggled appearance. Food was eaten in the hall but the valiant cooks were outside the hall door BBQing the burgers and sausages. We gave up at 7 pm as everyone had eaten most of the food and wanted to return to their own fireside with some tired children [and adults]

On Sat 15 September we held another car boot sale which was once
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Treasure Hunt

Can you find all the capitalised in the table below. Words can read forwards, backwards, up or down.

But STORE up for YOURSELVES TREASURES in HEAVEN, where MOTH and RUST do NOT DESTROY, and where THIEVES do not BREAK in and STEAL. For WHERE YOUR treasure is, THERE your HEART WILL be ALSO. Matthew 6: 20-21

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COULD MAKE IT THROUGH THE WILDERNESS IN
THIRTY YEARS FLAT

Knit and Knatter Group



Our next session will be Wednesday 3rd October in St Andrew, Ardrossan church hall from 2pm - 3.30pm: cost £2.00 per session (to cover heating/lighting etc. Meetings are designed to be on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Tea and coffee provided.

Bring along your present craft projects and should you wish to come along to try out some knitting, sewing or stitching then you are more than welcome. Even if you don't "craft" then come along for the banter!!

Some indication of names of those who wish to come along would be most helpful. I have knitting needles and wool to spare and lots of pattern books. Bring yours along too as the motto may well be "care and share".

Colleen Anderson colleenanderson318@gmail.com



Scenes from the BBQ



again a successful venture with over £ 570 being raised. It was a cold day and folks needed the tea and coffee that was being served. One person who attended said he really appreciated that and of course the opportunity to buy home baking. Thanks for the new donations for sale.

We now enter the colder months {ha ha what happened to the warmer ones] and we have more fun planned with a St Andrews night party, an evening's entertainment with Tom Urie, of River city fame, and friends and after Christmas a Murder Mystery Dinner. More of these later.

Thanks for all you friendship and support.

Eveline



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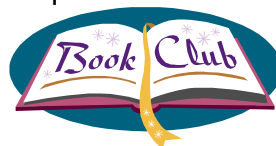
We met on 19th. September to review our chosen book and to watch the film of Charles Dickens "*A Tale of Two Cities*." A pleasant evening was had by all. The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Wednesday 24th. October at Yvonne's house. Please note carefully, the book we will be reading – "*When Will There be Good News*" by Kate Atkinson. (*Sunset Song*, which we chose previously, is not available from the Irvine library.)

The book we will be reading for the December meeting will be 'Bel Canto' by Ann Patchett.

The local library now holds multiple copies of a range of books which are made available to book clubs, and so we will, as often as possible, choose books from this list so that most of us can access the chosen book as easily as possible. For more details please contact me. The phone number is in the phone book or my e-mail address is ymhannan@yahoo.co.uk."

New members are always welcome and anyone who requires information can contact me by phone or e-mail.

Yvonne Hannan



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Who's The Biggest Country ?

This is a list of the top twenty countries by area.
Put them in the correct descending order.

Algeria
Argentina
Australia
Brazil
Canada
China
Democratic Republic of
the Congo
Greenland
India
Indonesia

Iran
Kazakhstan
Libya
Mexico
Mongolia
Peru
Russia
Saudi Arabia
Sudan
United States

Your Answers

COUNTRY	SQ KM
1 Russia	17,098,242
2 Canada	9,984,670
3 United States	9,826,675
4 China	9,596,961
5 Brazil	8,514,877
6 Australia	7,741,220
7 India	3,287,263
8 Argentina	2,780,400
9 Kazakhstan	2,724,900
10 Algeria	2,381,741
Democratic 11 Republic of the Congo	2,344,858
12 Greenland	2,166,086
13 Saudi Arabia	2,149,690
14 Mexico	1,964,375
15 Indonesia	1,904,569
16 Sudan	1,861,484
17 Libya	1,759,540
18 Iran	1,648,195
19 Mongolia	1,564,116
20 Peru	1,285,216

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What's Happening When... October

- Mon 1st** **Beith Ladies** 1.30pm at 19 Balfour Crescent Beith
Book of Samuel Ch 6 will be studied
St Peter's Church Bingo Night Joint pot fundraiser
Dalry Bowling Club "eyes down" 8.00pm
- Wed 3rd** **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan 10.00am
Knit & Knatter Club at Ardrossan, 2.00 -3.30pm
- Sat 6th** **Service for the Blessing of Animals** 2pm Irvine
Refreshments available
Irvine Christian Aid Coffee morning 10am to Noon
Old Parish Church hall, Kirkgate
- Sun 7th** **Pentecost 19**
- Mon 8th** **Irvine Guild** from 1.15pm Enrolment afternoon
Ladies Group 7.30pm
Colleen Anderson, 'Broken Families'.
- Wed 10th** **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan 10.00am
Mothers Union
Fellowship of Meditation 7.30pm
At 53 Hawkhill Drive, Stevenston
- Sun 14th** **Pentecost 20**
- Mon 15th** **Irvine Guild** Opening Social and Beetle Drive
Wed 17th **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan 10.00am
Knit & Knatter Club at Ardrossan 2.00 -3.30pm
- Sun 21st** **Pentecost 21**
Magazine last day for articles
- Mon 22nd** **MU Visiting Speaker** 2.00pm June Johnson
Irvine Vestry 7.30pm
- Wed 24th** **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan 10.00am
Fellowship of Meditation 2.00pm Ardrossan Creche
Book Club 7.30pm, meet at Tamarind, Benslie
The Book is 'When will there be good news?'
- Sun 28th** **Pentecost 22**
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What's Happening When... October and November

Wed 31st **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**

November

Sat 3rd **St Andrew's Christmas Fayre Irvine** 10am till noon
Stall are available, see magazine for details

Sun 4th **4th before Advent 'All Saint's Sunday'**

Mon 5th **Ardrossan Vestry Meeting.**

Wed 7th **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**

Knit & Knatter Club at Ardrossan 2.00 -3.30pm

Sun 11th **Remembrance Sunday**

Mon 12th **Joint Vestry at Dalry 7.30pm**

Ladies Group 7.30pm

Colleen Anderson. History of Malta

Wed 14th **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**

Mothers Union

Fellowship of Meditation 7.30pm

At 53 Hawkhill Drive, Stevenston

Thu 15th **Ayrshire Regional Council 7.30pm Irvine**

Rev. Anne Tomlinson, Ministry Development Officer

Sun 18th **2nd before Advent**

Magazine last day for articles

Wed 21st **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**

Knit & Knatter Club at Ardrossan 2.00 -3.30pm

Sun 25th **1st before Advent, 'Christ the King'**

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Mon 26th **MU Advent Address 2.00pm Speaker,**

Hilary Moran, Provincial President

Wed 28th **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**

Fellowship of Meditation 2.00pm Ardrossan Creche



What's Happening When... December

December

- Sat 1st** **St Andrew's , Ardrossan 2.00 to 5pm**
Messy Church And Christingle
St Andrew's, Irvine Taize 6.30pm
St. Peter's Christmas Fayre 10.00am to noon
At St. Palladius Church Hall
- Sun 2nd** **Advent**
- Wed 5th** **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**
Knit & Knatter Club at Ardrossan 2.00 -3.30pm
- Sun 9th** **Advent 2**
- Mon 10th** **Ladies Group 7.30pm**
Eleanor Boss, Christmas decorations
- Wed 12th** **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**
Mothers Union
Fellowship of Meditation 7.30pm
At 53 Hawkhill Drive, Stevenston
- Sun 16th** **Advent 3**
St Andrew's, Irvine 6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols
- Wed 19th** **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**
Knit & Knatter Club at Ardrossan 2.00 -3.30pm
- Sun 23rd** **Advent 4**
Magazine last day for articles
- Mon 24th** **Christmas Eve**
- Tues 25th** **Christmas Day**
- Sun 30th** **Christmas 2**
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Last Writes

From the Editor's desk

Next Concord will be the November edition.

As usual, Concord can be viewed on our Web Site.

Deadline for articles for inclusion in our next Magazine is 21st October. mikewhitby@btopenworld.com or 01294 276 838
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Michael Whitby



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

Service Details:

St. Andrew's Ardrossan

Sundays 11.30am Family Communion, Crèche and Junior Church
Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion

St Andrew's Irvine

Sundays 9.30am Family Communion

St. Peter's Dalry

Sundays 10am Holy Communion

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