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Dear friends,

As I write, the Olympic Games are drawing to a close and haven't they been wonderful for Great Britain? Right from the start the surprises have kept coming. First there was the opening ceremony with that fantastic display of British life and the Olympic rings being forged in the steelworks. And then, as the Games themselves got under way, time after time we saw the Gold Medal being won by our athletes. Whether it was cycling, rowing, sailing or shooting, gymnastics, equestrian or pentathlon, they aimed for Gold and kept on going. They ran the race with such determination and rightfully rejoiced at their prize. We need to have that same determination to win as we run our race in the kingdom of God. In his letter to the Corinthian Church the Apostle Paul says, "Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified." (1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

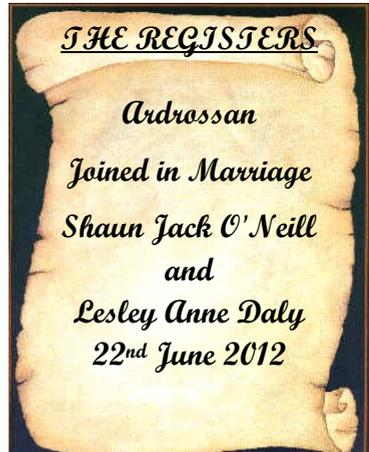
We all know that the race can be difficult and challenging but, like the athlete, we need something to push against in order to grow strong. When the athlete begins training the work seems so difficult and overwhelming. They have to train hard to prepare the muscles and the cardiovascular system to cope with the race ahead of them. But as the body is pushed to the limits, their task becomes much easier and the prize seems so much closer. Our strategy for growth may seem an impossible task to us, but with perseverance and action we can achieve

our goal. The athletes at the Olympics have the crowds to encourage and support them. We have each other. Remember, if you cannot take part in something you can always encourage those who can, and so help us all to receive that imperishable garland when the time comes.

Martin



The Registers and Prayer Support



The Prayer Support Team

In September, please remember in your Prayers
Ella Nettlefold Anna Sinclair Connie Mulcock

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month

Ardrossan Ladies Group

CHRISTIAN AID and CHURCH ACTION ON POVERTY *TAX JUSTICE BUS TOUR*

(As the Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty Tax Justice Bus shall be reaching quite a few parts of the Province I would be grateful if you could advertise it round your diocese as I am sure that SEC members may be interested as Christian Aid Week is so much a part of the life of many congregations. Best wishes, Elspeth, Diocesan Office)

Scotland: all aboard the tax bus

Monday 1 - Friday 5 October 2012

The [Tax Justice Tour](#) is coming to Scotland this October, and we're designing a programme of events which will take us through **Dumfries, Ayr, Glasgow, Edinburgh, St Andrews, Inverness and Peebles.**

We're taking the message of tax justice on the road around Britain and Ireland in a double-decker bus, meeting supporters and hosting briefings about our 'Trace the tax' campaign for politicians and senior church leaders. We're also hoping to speak to journalists to raise awareness of our tax campaign.

Why we're touring: tax justice

Tax dodging costs developing countries an estimated [\\$160bn every year](#) - one and a half times what they receive in international aid! This is caused by loopholes in the global financial system and the unscrupulous companies who seek to exploit them. We're going out on the road across Britain and Ireland to bring people together in a bid to end this gross injustice.

Meet our overseas partners

Our partners, from some of the world's poorest countries, will be on board the bus talking about how tax dodging affects their lives, and what they're doing to bring about tax justice. Christian Aid will be joined on the bus by Church Action on Poverty who will talk about how tax dodging also affects lives and livelihoods in the UK.

Tax Bus locations:

- **Monday 1 October 2012** Dumfries and Ayr
- **Tuesday 2 October 2012** Glasgow
- **Wednesday 3 October 2012** Edinburgh
- **Thursday 4 October 2012** St Andrews and Inverness
- **Friday 5 October 2012** Inverness and Peebles

More details will be coming soon.

How to get involved

If you are interesting in joining us at an event, or visiting the bus when it is in Scotland, please contact Diane Green. Diane can be reached at dgreen@christian-aid.org or on 0141 241 6136



Sandy

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Appointments

Extract from Diocesan Office 23rd July 2012

Dear All

I am delighted to announce the following appointments:



The Revd. Jane Ross has been appointed Rector of St Ninian's, Prestwick and will be instituted on Saturday 27th October at 2pm. The liturgical colour will be green. Jane is at present Priest in charge at St Clement's, Mastrick, Aberdeen.

Could I also remind you all of the Ordinations at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday September 8th at 2pm, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary? Those to be ordained are:

Deacons: Dr James Currall and Mrs Pat Smith to serve at Largs and Dumbarton respectively.

The Revd. Liz O'Ryan to serve as curate at St John's, Greenock and St Bartholomew's, Gourock.

The liturgical colour will be white. Please pray for them all, their families and churches. Pray too for the preacher at the ordination, the Revd Canon Dr Scott Robertson and the conductor of the pre-ordination retreat, the Rt Revd. Gordon Mursell.

Yours

+Gregor

The Rt. Revd. Dr. Gregor D. Duncan
Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway

*ps: Anyone wishing to attend should contact Anna Currall for Tickets.
Phone 01294 833294 or annacurrall@talktalk.net*

Online Shopping

Hi all.



As suggested by Toby I've signed the church up for [easygiving.org](http://www.easygiving.org) a website, which if you shop online and use the link below they will donate a percentage of the purchase to the church and it won't cost you a penny. It has big name partners like amazon and John Lewis. Can you pass this on to anyone you think would be interested. I think Stuart's going to put a banner on the website as well.

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standrewsardrossan>

Linda Mitchell



In addition to Linda's message, you can use the search engine on this site and, for every site that you go to through it, the church gets half a penny. It doesn't sound a lot but think how many times you use, eg Google to find a site. It all adds up!

Thank you.

Katherine Scott



Heard at the Cemetery

As the coffin was being lowered into the ground at a Parking Inspector's funeral, a voice from inside screams, "I'm not dead, I'm not dead. Let me out!"

The Vicar smiles, leans forward sucking air through his teeth and mutters.

"Too late pal, the paperwork's already done."

Anon

Email Newsletter

Just a reminder that we produce a weekly email newsletter each Sunday. It gives you that days prayer and readings along with what's happening over the next few weeks, it will also tell you about any good news, requests for help. It has links to the web site, our magazine and much more.

Never again miss out on what's happening at Church if you miss a Sunday and don't hear what is happening the following week. Simply subscribe to our new Newsletter and have details of what's going on delivered to your email address each Sunday.

Simply visit our web site at www.standrews-stpeters.org.uk and enter your name and email address in the "Join the North Ayrshire Team Mailing List" box. You will then be sent an email to confirm that you wish to subscribe which you then need to acknowledge.



Stuart Mitchell

LADIES GROUP

We start the new session of the Ladies Group on Monday 10th September, with a Wine and Nibbles evening, at 7.30pm. The meeting is open to everyone. Newcomers will be most welcome.

DENISE ALLEN

WEBB IVORY

Webb Ivory catalogues are now available from the back of Church. Please take one on your way out of Church.

DENISE ALLEN

Summary of Ardrossan Vestry Meeting 6th August 2012

Fabric

The Restoration Steering Committee paid a visit to Holy Trinity in Dunoon who have recently got a grant from HS/HLF. They were very helpful and welcoming and we found a lot of information and encouragement there.

The Pre-Application stage of the Heritage Lottery Fund process has been completed and the Diocesan Architect is working with us towards submitting the Phase 1 Application by the end of August.

The Application can be helped with the inclusion of unusual information about the building and to this end Toby has discovered some forgotten details:-

Unfortunately the rector before last, Stewart Symons, could not confirm the rumour given by the Countess of Eglinton about the pulpit and font being made from stone from Caen in France.

The foundation stone is hollow and contains a "Time Capsule" of documents:- A copy of the original constitution, A list of the subscribers to the building fund, A copy of the Ardrossan & Saltcoats Herald and Ayrshire Weekly News, A book of Common Prayer and a statement on vellum on the gift of ground, Trustees etc.

The design on the green altar cloth is taken from the grave stone found on Castle Hill, now on display in the Heritage Centre in Saltcoats.

The Tulips window is described in a publication on stained glass windows as the most significant surviving ecclesiastical design by Harrington-Mann in Scotland.

It was noted that the Mother's Union group is one of the oldest in the country.

The organ developed a problem with the foot pedals and the electronics. Since the meeting it was decided to replace it with a nearly new model.

Junior Church

The Craft Club will be taking part in the Family Fun day on 1st September and will also be hosts to a 'Messy Church' style Christingle service at the beginning of December.

Ministry and Worship

It was decided to donate this year's Harvest collection to the Anthony Nolan Trust for children with Leukaemia in recognition of Susan Barlow's granddaughter Ellie who has the condition.

A request for volunteers for Eucharistic Assistants would be made to the congregation.

Growth Strategy

Taize services at Advent are to be extended to Irvine.

The singing group is doing well and progressing with the 'Voices for Life' RSCM course.

We are achieving this year's targets and will have to approach next year's soon.

A. O. C. B.

Our organist Colleen has contributed so much of her time and effort since volunteering for the position that we should recognize her hard work with a financial gift. This has since taken place.

Katherine Scott



AIDS WARNING!

*To all of you approaching 50 or have REACHED 50 and
....., this article is especially for you.....*

SENIOR CITIZENS

ARE THE NATION'S LEADING CARRIERS OF AIDS!

HEARING AIDS

BAND AIDS

ROLL AIDS

WALKING AIDS

MEDICAL AIDS

GOVERNMENT AIDS

MOST OF ALL,

MONETARY AID TO THEIR KIDS!

Not forgetting HIV

(Hair is Vanishing)



From the Internet Ed.

Your Summer Reading List

(It's not too late)

"The Lion Attacked", by Claude Yarmoff.

"The Art of Archery", by Beau N. Arrow.

"Irish Heart Surgery", by Angie O'Plasty.

"Desert Crossing", by I. Rhoda Camel.

"School Truancy", by Marcus Absent.

"I Lost My Balance", by Eileen Dover and Phil Down.

"Mystery in the Barnyard", by Hu Flung Dung.

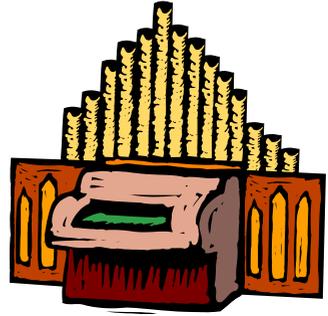
"Come on In!", by Doris Open.

"The German Bank Robbery", by Hans Zupp.

"I Hate the Sun", by Gladys Knight.

"Prison Security", by Barb Dweyer.

Musical Matters



It can be strange when you are thinking that things are going quite smoothly, something happens to shake your complacency and take you right out of your comfort zone. Such has been my recent experience at St Andrew's, Ardrossan; our lovely organ suffered a complete breakdown and a repair was deemed un-economic. I got quite a shock when I was informed; I knew it had a couple of faults, but I was totally unprepared for the parting of our ways, as I had grown fond of the instrument, familiar with its stops, ranks and couplers and, as I say, I was probably complacent that things would remain constant for quite a while. It was not to be and the decision was made to make a purchase which would see us well into the future of music making at St Andrew's. My concern was to make sure that we got as good a sound as we had been used to and that any transition would be as seamless as possible. Quality in praise is all important to me as a musician.

The organ which presented itself to us quite quickly actually proved to have all we could hope for, and more besides – not only is it going to be a splendid instrument to play for worship – it is fairly new, at an age when I would consider it to be still “running-in” ! I have done my research and I feel that when compared to a brand new organ it is a very fair bargain, working in our favour financially. We now have to get used to this instrument and I anticipate a time of familiarising myself with its features and/or quirks. Put another way it means lots of hours practising.

The historical development of the organ itself is a fascinating story. This is an instrument which has been developed over centuries and dates back to the Classical Greek period. At the outset we can thank Pythagoras himself, that great mathematician, not only for making us labour as youngsters in the classroom over mathematical

theorems and calculations, he also developed the first musical scale as we know it today in our part of the world. We still use the original scale intervals which seemed most natural to him in making our common music. The illustration of an early classical organ gives us some indication of how it operated – by water or hydraulic power creating pressure within the pipes. We could imagine ourselves at some ancient Greek drama or even in the Roman Coliseum where such instruments, on a fairly grand scale to carry over the noise, would be sounded (rather than played by an individual) to emphasise dramatic moments. Think of Saint Cecilia in ancient Roman and early Christian times, and her reputed love of sacred music and of playing a portative, or chamber-type, organ.

Moving on, as did organ building, there exists reference to one of the Popes in the 9th century commissioning a grand organ, as did kings, princes and emperors. Until then there was no great development in producing organs; the finer refinements started later in early medieval times and we can appreciate just how the development made progress as the toolmakers and pipe builders produced instruments that made composers such as JS Bach's and those of Buxtehude's compositions so astounding. There was a saying "When Bach plays, even God comes to Mass". The history of using the organ in our sacred rites is well established and to the musically minded there is something uplifting about our King of Instruments. It will be splendid to have our new organ dedicated soon to fulfil its purpose of giving back the glory, the splendour and the majesty to God and to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Music itself is pleasing resonance to our ears and we are told that the planets and stars in the universe have resonance as they spin in their dedicated orbits. In church I feel we join our voices and instruments to the music of the spheres and Heaven itself listens and rejoices. Not at all a bad purpose to our music making is it?

Colleen Anderson



North Ayrshire Team says au revoir to the Revd. Ian Boffey



On Sunday 5th August at the Joint Service of the North Ayrshire Team we celebrated and honoured the ministry on Revd. Ian Boffey as he retired from the team. When St Peter's Dalry was linked with St Andrew's Ardrossan and St Andrew's Irvine in 1997 Ian continued to serve as assistant priest in the new North Ayrshire team. The Revd. Scott Robertson, also from Dalry, was appointed rector of the team at the same time. Ian's long involvement with St Peter's, Dalry, began when he first attended as a boy in 1948. He began playing the organ for the Sunday School in 1955 and became Lay Reader in 1966. After training for ministry he was ordained Deacon in 1975, became priest in 1978 and was appointed Priest in Charge of St Peter's in the same year.

Ian retired from his regular employment in language education in 2006 but has continued faithfully serving the congregations of North Ayrshire since then. Ian's ministry will be remembered for his careful teaching of the Bible and spirituality, and for his use in that teaching of the works of the early Fathers, the Caroline

Divines, and from the modern period the life and works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Edith Stein. Ian will certainly be missed by all three congregations for his dedicated and faithful ministry and particularly his contribution in continuing the tradition of St Peter's over many years.



Leaving the team will give Ian and his wife, Moira, more time for family and travel. But there is no doubt his ministry will continue in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway by offering assistance within vacant charges as need requires. We thank Ian with our prayers and best wishes for a well-earned retirement.

Sandy Montgomerie

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Exodus 14) 07-20-2012

MOSES' FIRST ATTEMPT TO PART THE RED SEA
TURNED OUT TO SIMPLY BE A BAD PUN

Confirmation 2012

It is always a great pleasure when we see people from our own congregation confirmed. But it's an even greater pleasure when those who are to be confirmed have asked for that themselves instead of being coaxed into it. I was delighted to be asked by some members of St Andrew's congregation this year, and to have them



joined by five of our young people from Ardrossan, and two from Dalry was even better still. Bishop Gregor visited St Andrew's, Ardrossan for the Confirmation Service on Sunday 24th June, and I'm sure you will agree it was a wonderful occasion. The Bishop set a record for himself as he admitted that this was the first time he had confirmed as



many as nine candidates at the same time. Congratulations to Kirsten, Colleen, Christina, Katie, Andrew, Iona, Louise, Danielle and Kerry. From speaking to them all I know that the occasion meant a great deal to each of them, and as they continue their journey in faith I am confident that they will receive support and encouragement from all of us.

Martin

Anniversaries

Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Connie and Stanley Mulcock who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 19th June.



Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Linda and Michael Whitby who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 16th. They send their thanks to everyone who remembered the occasion.



St Andrew's Singers



'Chants are so easy to perform and also lovely to sing and to work at. Through the repetitions, a chant starts in the head with all its thinking and begins the long journey into the heart. There one begins to be open to the beauty of prayer, and drawn into deeper levels of reflection and stillness. Singing chants is a wonderful way to share, as we come to celebrate the Eucharist together.' Margaret Rizza

At St Andrew's, Ardrossan our focus has been on singing short, reflective chants during Communion in an effort to help concentrate our experience of the Eucharist and enrich our worship. The singers give their best attention to producing a sound which although reflective, encourages others to join in. We have used chants from Taize and now we are exploring the work of Rev John Bell of the Iona Community, singing at present "God to Enfold You," a beautifully solemn Trinitarian composition.

I have drawn on the above quotation by one of our great composers of contemporary church music, Margaret Rizza, which says concisely what singing to enrich worship is all about. We recently performed a worship song, "All That Is Hidden" by another sacred music composer, Bernadette Farrell, as part of a service. To our delight it was well received.

The sung "Our Father" included at times in our worship is my own composition and I must say I am quite proud, and fond of, it. It felt daunting to set the actual words of Jesus Christ to music – a lot to take on as far as my personal faith goes. Some like this inclusion and some do not, but I have to say that such singing during devotions has been part of our Christian heritage since the development of the earliest church, which drew on the psalms and hymns of praise sung in the Jewish Temples and Synagogues,

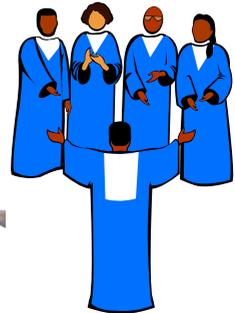
developing their own style which may even have had some musical influence from ancient Rome. I recently discovered a recording of the Lord's Prayer from Syria which uses a tune dating from circa 200AD – that was exciting. Admittedly it has been slightly developed over time, but it's provenance is there for all to hear.

There has been a new Sanctus introduced to the Liturgy at Ardrossan and it is wonderful to hear people pick up the tune and feel they can join in. It is part of the "St Anne's Mass" by James MacMillan, a well-regarded Scottish composer whose personal faith leads him to produce some astounding sacred music – and he is a Kilwinning boy! It has that unique Scottish "snap" to it and when it is sung with gusto, as at our recent Confirmation Service, in our lovely shoreline location it is a fitting, yet reverent, addition to our Eucharist.

I intend to start up some singing rehearsals at the beginning of September, and along with support from the RSCM we should progress again this coming year. Our Singers who follow the Voice for Life programme will be given certificates of achievement shortly and I look forward greatly to seeing the certificates awarded.

Colleen Anderson

Organist / Choirmistress
Colleenanderson318@gmail.com



ODD BITS

*Seen on Girl's Tee shirt:
'That's it, I'm calling Grandma!'*

*Overheard in Ardrossan Church Hall recently.
In response the comment 'You can't eat all those cakes'. The
answer! 'Oh yes I can. I took the battery out of my scales to
replace the faulty one in the smoke alarm.' !*

Fellowship of Meditation

The Fellowship of Meditation group of 9 regular members continues on its journey to explore silence in the presence of our Lord. We are members of the national organisation, of some 500 members country wide. We share leadership of the meetings, so all can enjoy the many benefits of meditation.

This year our annual Quiet Day was held in the Church, in July. We met in the Creche for 45 minute sessions of meditative readings, and silences, and then we moved outside, or to a quiet corner of the Church, for more silence. We shared a delicious lunch, with lots of chatter, then on to the afternoon sessions. A peaceful day, lots of great fellowship, and very refreshing spiritually.

The Group now comprises 2 groups. One group meets at Lesley McCowatt's home, 53 Hawkhill Drive, Stevenston on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm, and the second group, led by Lilian Bancroft, meets in the Creche in Church, on the fourth Wednesday at 2.00 pm.

After a summer break we start our new session on Wednesday 12 September, 7.30 pm at 53 Hawkhill Drive. We welcome any new members, if you have any questions please call me on 01294 601162, or Lilian on 01294 273568, or come along for a taster.

Lesley McCowatt

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NO GREATER GIFT AT HARVEST TIME

Nearly 40 years ago, Shirley Nolan planted a small acorn - to develop the world's first bone marrow register. The charity she founded, Anthony Nolan, finds volunteers who can donate healthy blood stem cells which once transplanted can save a life from cancer like leukaemia which is the biggest childhood cancer in the UK.

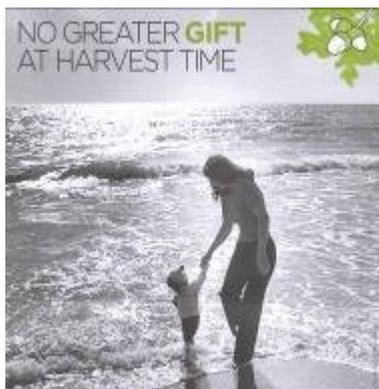
Since Shirley began the charity in honour of her only son, it has grown into a mighty oak, and continues to go from strength to strength.

This year it is particularly important for us in the three churches as we support and pray for Ellie Campbell, Susan Barlow's granddaughter. Your Harvest gift to this charity is practical support for the work that can help another child or adult in similar circumstances.

Harvest Sunday will be a Joint Service at Ardrossan on 30th September. Please put your gift in an envelope, marked Harvest and bring it that day. If you are using a cheque can you make it payable to "St Andrew's Episcopal Church".

Many thanks

Sandy



BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Wednesday 19th. September at Yvonne's house. The book we will be discussing is, "Never Let Me Go," by Kazuo Ishiguru. There will also be a film shown of "A Tale of Two Cities, by Charles Dickens. Please meet at Tamarind, Benslie at 7.00pm on this occasion and please indicate a few days beforehand whether or not you are able to attend so that seating can be arranged.

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.

Yvonne Hannan



**St Andrew's, Scottish Episcopal Church,
Ardrossan South Beach,
part of the world wide Anglican
Church would love to welcome
you at our services and activities.**

Each Sunday at 11.30a.m. The Family Communion is held slightly later than it has been in the past, to allow Barony St John's Church of Scotland to use the building earlier in the day, followed by tea & coffee and chat in the hall.

Each Wednesday at 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion service is said, a peaceful interval mid week, followed by tea and coffee.

Sunday 5th August was a joint service with the congregations of Irvine and Dalry. It was a service of celebration and thanks for the work of Rev. Ian Boffey particularly in St Peter's Dalry and also in the North Ayrshire team ministry. Ian first came to The Dalry Church in 1948 and has been serving there all those years, since the late 1970's as a non stipendiary Priest in charge until the North Ayrshire team Ministry was formed under a full time Rector. He has brought wisdom, humour and music to the churches and has informed us all latterly by his celebration of the Saints both ancient and more modern, in the online weekly news, which most of us have found illuminating and informative A light lunch was served after the service and we enjoyed the fellowship of the three congregations.

Sunday 12th August

After the morning service we will be joining with other churches in Ardrossan for the BBQ and car boot sale in aid of Christian Aid at St Peters in Chains Church along the road from us at 2.00pm. There should be good food good fun and possibly good bargains to be had.



Saturday 1st Sept

The next Fundraising activity will be a Family fun Day in the Church grounds, once the Schools are back. This will consist of a full day of activities, join in them all or just the ones you wish to.

At 11.00 am the children's craft group will meet and the children will require a packed lunch as this will continue until 3.00pm, when hopefully the adults will join them for the rest of the fun.

At 3.00pm a treasure trail walk for all ages [trail maps donation £1] will starting at the Church and this will be followed by a BBQ and fellowship and games when all are safely returned. BYOB to the BBQ.

A donation of £5.00 towards the restoration fund for the day is suggested. Tickets will be available from Eveline or any church member.

Saturday 15th Sept. Car boot sale in the gardens of the Church in aid of the restoration fund, from 10.30 until 2.30 for further details regarding car spaces please contact 01294 464968 Tea , coffee and cakes will be available. Any donations for the car boot will be gratefully received by any member of the Church.

September will be the restart of the regular groups meeting within the church family. More news of those meetings later

Other activities and news can be found at www.standrews-stpeters.org.uk

Prepared by

Eveline Gray



Children in Church



A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up." "That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?" "Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."

A 6-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service, "And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those who passed trash against us."

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked. "Why, God tells me." "Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

Ms. Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The Flight to Egypt," was his reply. Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot!" The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?" "No sir," little Johnny replies, "I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."

This is the best one.

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



From John McCowatt

**St Andrew's Episcopal Church Ardrossan
Restoration Fund**

Family Fun Day

In Church grounds South Beach Crescent

Saturday 1st September

**Children's Craft
11am - 3.00 bring
packed lunch**

WHEN THE WALKERS RETURN

**Prize Treasure Trail
3pm
£1 for Clue sheet**

BBQ and fun

APPROX. 5.00 PM



Contact Eveline Gray for tickets 462653 or pay on the day

Suggested donation £5

Come for all or part of the day

A friend



With thanks to Dipayan Bhattacharjee

What's Happening When... August and September



- Sun 19th** **Pentecost 12**
Magazine *last day for articles*
- Wed 22nd** **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan 11.00am
MU Opening Service *light Lunch served*
Magazine *Last day for articles*
- Sun 26th** **Pentecost 13**
Magazine *now available*
- Mon 27th** **Beith Ladies** 1.30pm at 85 Lomond Crescent, Beith
- Wed 29th** **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan 10.00am
- September**
- Sat 1st** **Restoration Fund St Andrew's Ardrossan**
BBQ hosted by Eveline Gray from 2.00 till 4.00pm
- Sun 2nd** **Pentecost 14**
- Wed 5th** **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan 10.00am
- Sat 8th** **St Mary's Cathedral Service** 2.00pm
James Currall to be ordained Deacon
Tickets are required, contact Anna Currall
on 01294 833294 or annacurrall@talktalk.net
- Sun 9th** **Pentecost 15**
- Mon 10th** **Joint Vestry** 7.30pm
Ladies Group 7.30pm *Welcome back*
- Wed 12th** **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan 10.00am
Mothers Union
Fellowship of Meditation 7.30pm
At 53 Hawkhill Drive, Stevenston
- Sat 15th** **Ardrossan Car Boot Sale** 10 'til 2 with Tea & Rolls

What's Happening When... September and October

- Sun 16th** **Pentecost 16**
- Wed 19th** **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**
Book Club 7.00pm, meet at Tamarind, Benslie
The Book is 'Never let me go' by Kazuo Ishiguro
- Sun 23rd** **Pentecost 17**
Magazine last day for articles
- Mon 24th** **MU, visiting Speaker 2.00pm John Hutchinson**
Fellowship of Meditation 2.00pm Ardrossan Creche
- Wed 26th** **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**
- Sun 30th** **Harvest Family Service at Ardrossan**
No Service in Dalry or Irvine
Magazine now available
- October**
- Mon 1st** **St Peter's Church Bingo Night** *Joint pot fundraiser*
Dalry Bowling Club "eyes down" 8.00pm
- Wed 3rd** **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**
- Sat 6th** **Service for the Blessing of Animals 2pm Irvine**
Refreshments available
- Sun 7th** **Pentecost 19**
- Mon 8th** **Ladies Group 7.30pm**
Lois Anderson, Signing for the Deaf
- Wed 10th** **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**
Mothers Union
Fellowship of Meditation 7.30pm
At 53 Hawkhill Drive, Stevenston
- Sun 14th** **Pentecost 20**



What's Happening When... October and November

- Wed 17th** **Holy Communion** *at Ardrossan 10.00am*
- 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*
- Sun 28th** **Pentecost 22**
Magazine *now available*
- Wed 31st** **Holy Communion** *at Ardrossan 10.00am*

November

- Sun 4th** **4th before Advent 'All Saint's Sunday'**
- Mon 5th** **Ardrossan Vestry Meeting.**
- Sun 11th** **Remembrance Sunday**



Last Writes

From the Editor's desk

The cover picture shows Jim Robertson's beautiful candle holders. Next Concord will be the October edition.

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

Deadline for articles for inclusion in our next Magazine is 23rd September. mikewhitby@btopenworld.com or 01294 276 838 or 2 Highet Gardens, Irvine, KA12 8RQ

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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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