



# Concord

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The Scottish Episcopal Church  
in Ardrossan, Irvine and Dalry.*



**Autumn 2013**

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Dear Friends

I hope you have all had a great Summer and return from your Holidays fully refreshed. As we enter the season of Autumn we give special thanks to God for the Harvest of the fields and for the good things in our lives. And, as we think about the gathering in of the fruits of the field, our thoughts are also given to the Growth Strategy projects that we have been involved in over the past twelve months or so. Can we say that they too are bearing fruit? I think we can. But we must remember that although we may plant the seed it is God who waters it and it is God who gathers in the harvest. That doesn't mean that we can sit back and do nothing though! We are labourers in the field and without the work that we do there will be no harvest to gather in.

Once the harvest is gathered in, nature starts to retreat for the winter months and everything seems to slow down. The leaves on the trees lose their lush green colours and present a golden display of yellows, oranges and browns before finally falling to the ground. But all is not lost! We know that once the Spring arrives the leaves will return in all their splendour full of life and ready to bloom again. We, too, can benefit from a similar pattern in our own lives, though not necessarily over as long a period of time! If we take ourselves into retreat like nature does in winter then we, too, can feel rejuvenated and refreshed and ready to display God's full glory in the world as we carry out the work of His kingdom. Taking ourselves out of our normal routines for a day or a week can be very beneficial and allow some time to listen to the plans God has for our future. If you didn't get the chance on your summer break then take some time now to be still, to be quiet, to be open to God, and to listen to God. There is still much work to be done in the vineyard.

*Martin*

### *Service Times*

*St Andrew's Irvine*  
Sunday 9.30am  
Family Communion

*St Peter's Dalry*  
Sunday 10.00am  
Family Communion

*St Andrew's Ardrossan*  
Sunday 11.30am  
Family Communion  
Crèche and Sunday School  
Wednesday 10.00am  
Holy Communion

### *THE REGISTERS*

*Dalry*

*Departed this life*

*June Jamieson*  
1st July 2013

*Irvine*

*Departed this life*

*Jim Robertson*  
3rd July 2013

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families



We begin our new session of meetings with a talk on Therapets by Linda Whitby on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. William Montgomerie is speaking to us on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October and Bishop Idris Jones will be giving our Advent Address on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. All our meetings are held in St Andrew's Ardrossan and begin at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend not just MU members. We hope to see you there.

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### ***Prayer Chain.***

Each month an e-mail is sent round to members of the church with prayer requests. It compliments the prayer which is offered each day by individual members of the church. Requests can be for family or friends who are in need and if there is an emergency an extra e-mail is sent. If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer and/or would like to receive the e-mail please contact me on [lilian.bancroft@sky.com](mailto:lilian.bancroft@sky.com).

# *Prayer Support*



## **The Prayer Support Team**



In October, please remember in your Prayers  
***Pauline Maxwell Anna Sinclair David Williams***

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month  
***Sunday School Teachers***



## **The Prayer Support Team**



In November, please remember in your Prayers  
***Stuart Mitchell Kit Still Susan Barlow***

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month  
***Eucharistic Assistants***



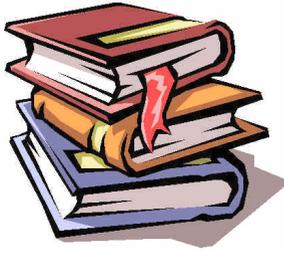
## **The Prayer Support Team**



In December, please remember in your Prayers  
***Ella Nettlefold Kit Still Mary Coutts***

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month  
***Readers***



### **The Book Club**

The Book Club meets approximately every 4 to 5 weeks and has continued to flourish. We read a variety of books of every genre and meet to discuss them in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. New members are always welcome. For more information call Yvonne on 01294552880.



### **Junior Craft Club.**

Our Junior Craft Club meets on the last Saturday of every month (except December!) and we have a wide range of activities. All children from 3 upwards are welcome to attend. Our sessions begin at 11am and finish at 3pm. It costs just £4 per child per session. All we ask is that they bring a packed lunch except for special days which are notified in advance.

So if you would like a few hours on a Saturday to yourself bring your children along!

We have a special meeting on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> to which we invite you all to attend. This is our 'Messy Christingle' day – parents and/or grandparents are invited to come along and stay with the children to take part in the activities and in the short Christingle celebration at the end of the day. It will then be followed by a Christmas Party for everyone. Come along and join us for a really fun time.

Lilian, Claire & Clare

Lilian (01294273568)

Claire (07970338479)



## **Diocesan Growth Strategy prayer**

*Spirit of our Loving God,  
in your mercy and compassion  
inspire, encourage and empower us  
to live and work together as a Dio-  
cese, to allow your mission for us to  
take flesh through Jesus Christ our  
living and Eternal Lord. Amen.*



## **Services for the Blessing of Animals**

There will be two services for the Blessing of Animals this year: the first will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm at St. Andrew's Irvine and will be followed by refreshments. The address will be given by David O'Reilly from Hessilhead Wildlife Rescue Trust in Beith and the retiral collection will be for the Charity.

And the second service will be at St. Peter's Dalry on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm followed by refreshments and the retiral collection will be for Therapets. I will be giving the address at this service.

All animals are welcome, with their owners. Let's see if we can improve on the 1 guinea pig and 16 dogs we had last year in Irvine!

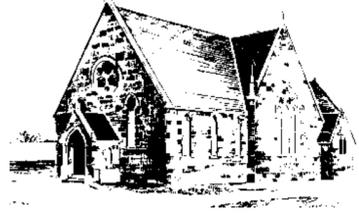
*Linda*

### **Knit and Natter**

This group meets in the crèche on Thursday mornings from 10am till around noon. It is open to those who knit or sew and those who don't! It is a time to meet and chat in an informal way and we are making articles to sell in aid of the Church Restoration fund. If you're free and want to come along please do – just drop in on any Thursday and you will get a warm welcome.

## Ardrossan Restoration Project

The development phase of the Restoration Project has been completed and we are now waiting for confirmation from the Heritage Lottery Fund. When that has been obtained, in the next few weeks, we can go to tender and hopefully the work will start in October. It will be good to see something happening at last!



Many thanks to everyone involved with the continuing fundraising efforts. To date (before the Doors Open Day teas and the Tom Urie concert) we have raised:

Fundraising	9,194.09
Private donations	<u>12,263.84</u>
Total	<u>21,457.93</u>

Coming up are the following events:-

Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> Taste of France (Tickets £5)

Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> Fashion Show (Tickets £3.50)

December: Hamper and Raffle, and Christmas Quizz Sheet

Hope to see you all there!

***Katherine Scott***

### **FOR SALE**

8 piece Dinner Service (not suitable for microwave use).  
Soup Plates, Dinner Plates, Platter, Cups and Saucers, Side Plates  
to match. Any reasonable offer accepted. Money to go to Restora-  
tion Fund. Contact Marjorie: 464599

## Could you be “Host” to someone far from home this Christmas....?

Many international students come to Scotland to study at our universities. Will they make contact with people and life beyond the academic environment? What will they do for a homely break if home is too far away? For 26 years, national charity HOST has been linking students with volunteer hosts, who invite a student to spend a day, a weekend, Christmas or New Year in their home. Chatting; eating together; playing games; seeing the area; joining in with the local community; making friends – a HOST visit lays down wonderful memories to be re-lived in China, India, the USA and many other parts of the world. And hosts learn from their guests too. If you could make a student welcome, please contact HOST through [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call HOST’s voluntary regional organiser in Scotland, Anne-Marie Ringler, on 01738 621633. Thank you.

### HOST UK

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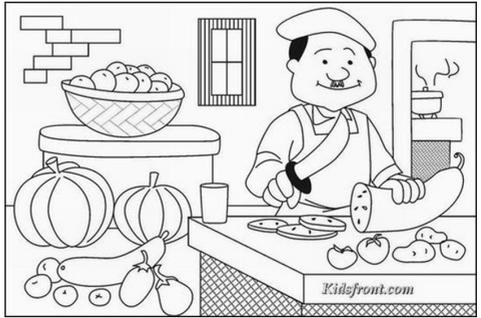
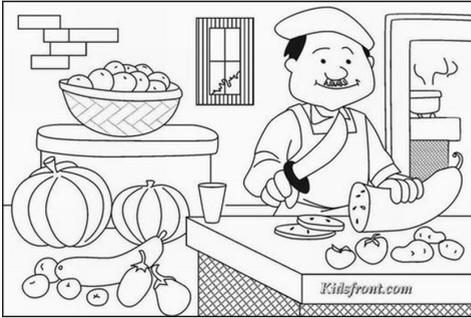
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### ***Fellowship of Meditation.***

Our Meditation group meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday afternoon of each month in the crèche at St Andrew’s. This is a time of quiet reflection and is open to anyone who would like to take time out from their busy schedule. The group is part of the Fellowship of Meditation which is a Christian based society with groups throughout the UK whose headquarters are at Marion Dunlop House in Dorchester. (Check it out on line if you want more information.) Come along and give us a try – you may find you enjoy it!

# Children's Page



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the ten differences in the two images of the chef ?

*(Answers on Page 15)*

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I PROMISE I'LL FINISH MY HOMEWORK IF YOU LET ME PLAY A LITTLE MORE ... HERE'S A RAINBOW, EVEN

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# Children's Page

## FAMOUS NAMES FROM THE PAST

Can you work out the name of each famous person from the following anagrams? Name lengths are shown in brackets along with the thing they are famous for. (*Answers Page 15*)

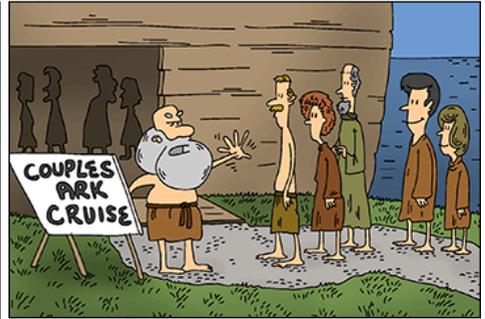
1. MARRY NO OILMEN (7,6) (actress)
2. HOMBURG THERAPY (8,6) (actor)
3. TEN ELITE BRAINS (6,8) (physicist)
4. A COOL ROMP (5,4) (explorer)
5. ADMONISH TOES (6,6) (inventor)
6. SILVERY SLEEP (5,7) (singer/actor)
7. ART CHEF HID CLOCK (6,9) (director)
8. A WALTZ OR FUN GAMES GO MAD (8,7,6) (composer)
9. EXTERNAL HATE RAGED (9,3,5) (conqueror)
10. CASUAL JURIES (6,6) (emperor)
11. PUBLIC SO MUCH SHORTER (11,8) (explorer)
12. PEARL COAT (9) (queen)
13. LOCATED MENU (6,5) (painter)
14. ERA LOST IT (9) (Greek philosopher)
15. HERO GETS IN WAGGON (6,10) (former US president)
16. LIKE A WEE SHRIMP ALAS (7,11) (playwright)

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SORRY FOLKS, TWO AT A TIME ONLY

## **LADIES GROUP**

The Ladies Group will be meeting on the second Monday of each month:

14th Oct The guest speaker on this date is Jean Montgomery, who will be telling us about her holiday on the Orient Express.

11 Nov Quiz Night

9th Dec Christmas Craft Evening.

13th Jan New Year Party

As always these meetings are open to everyone.

**DENISE ALLEN**



### **The Ancient Plan**

I looked at the flowers and the trees  
As they swung so gently in the breeze.  
I pondered the plan to introduce man  
To a wonderful planet like this.  
But the plan came to be, as you can see  
And here mankind exists.  
Beauty abounds and nature surrounds  
And we have the food to survive,  
But we need more than a moon and a  
shore  
To help us live our lives.

So we worship a God,  
Who this earth has trod  
And whose story goes on and on.  
He has been with us and stays with us  
Since the very first early dawn.  
The dawn of time when we were created  
From a tiny spark of life,  
Those earliest days when God gave man  
The very first loving wife.  
Since then the wars, the hate, the anger,  
The trouble and the strife,  
Have torn us apart and created a rift  
In our troublesome daily lives.

We have to live in peace together  
Through the message that comes from  
his Son.  
If we do not believe and follow man's  
way  
I fear for our ancient race,  
For we have been here throughout the  
years  
Only with God's great grace.  
The grace that allows us to have free  
will  
But not to squander our lives,  
So that we are prepared when God calls  
us home  
For that moment when it arrives.

So look at the trees, welcome the  
breeze  
And ponder the ancient plan.  
The plan that came to be  
When God created man.  
Let us all live in peace till time it does  
cease  
And love and care while we can,  
Love one another as we were directed  
And follow that ancient plan.

**Written by P J Steed**

## **Where have all the flowers gone?**

With November 11<sup>th</sup> drawing near it is an appropriate time to remember the fallen of the two world wars whose names appear on the memorial scrolls in the nave of our church. We walk past them on our way to the hall every week, but what do we know of the men behind the names? After some research started by Stuart Mitchell and some further work on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) and other web sites we now know more. For those who are interested, much more can be found through regimental or unit histories or service records.

### **The First World War**

There are 16 men remembered on the First War scroll. All were in the Army; five were officers and eleven were private soldiers. Two of the latter were private soldiers in the Royal Irish Rifle Regiment, so are known as riflemen. Thirteen of the 16 are buried or commemorated in France and Belgium; one is buried in Gallipoli, one in Ismailia, Egypt, and one is buried in the old cemetery in New Street, Stevenston. This one, Robert Green, died of his wounds in Leicester Military hospital, so would have been brought back to England on a hospital ship, followed by a long journey from Dover to Leicester on a hospital train. It took some time to find his grave, since unlike the other fifteen war dead in that cemetery, he does not have the distinctive CWGC headstone, but a tall sandstone obelisk on which other family members are commemorated.

Two of our First War dead fell on the first day of the Somme; the 20-year old Harry Sillars, whose father was a vestryman of the church, and Pte William Clark, whose age we do not know. Neither of these has a known grave, and nor do three others. Although every man who was not completely blown to bits or buried in a shell hole received a decent burial whenever possible, parts of the Western front were fought over and shelled and re-shelled so many times that graves and their markers disappeared. However their names were recorded, and are inscribed on memorials in the cemeteries overseas.

## **The Second World War**

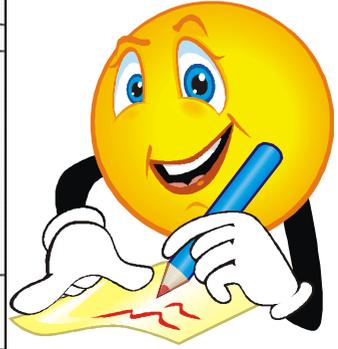
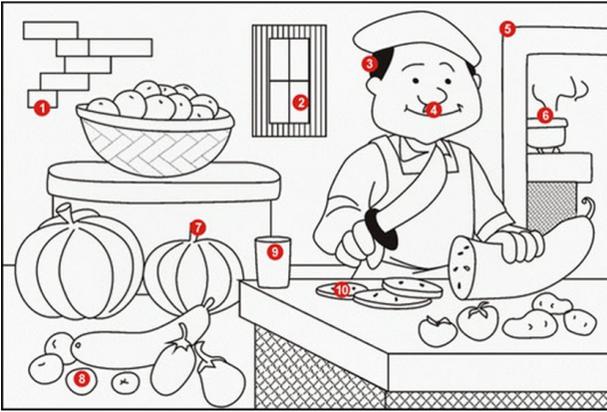
Of the six men on our second war scroll, only one was in the army; two were in the Royal Navy and three in the Royal Air Force. But it is perhaps surprising that four of them have no known grave. Sidney Coleman died on the SS Tarimbar, a merchantman sunk in the Mediterranean- perhaps he was a naval gunner on an armed merchant ship. He died on one of the Malta convoys. Thomas Graham was killed along with 129 of his comrades (out of a crew of 146) when HMS Quorn, a Hunt class destroyer was sunk in the Channel when escorting troop convoys over to the Normandy beaches. It is perhaps not surprising that they have no grave (save the sea), but neither has Martin Jenkins who piloted a Lancaster Bomber in the Pathfinder Force – who by their super-accurate navigation dropped markers to show where the others should drop their bombs. Also airborne was sergeant air gunner John Mellor, who with the six fellow members of his Halifax bomber crew is buried in a Belgian churchyard, the only war graves there.

Lastly (alphabetically) we come to the two Montgomerie brothers, Hugh, a Commando trained corporal ground engineer in the RAF who was killed during operation Husky, the invasion of Sicily and is buried in Catania, and William, also a corporal (but called a bombardier as he was in the Royal Artillery). William was killed in Burma and is remembered on the Rangoon War memorial, along with another 27,000 – yes twenty seven thousand Allied servicemen whose remains could not be located in the jungles of Burma after the war. Remember these young men of West Kilbride, Ardrossan, Saltcoats, Stevenston and Irvine as you pass by the memorial scrolls and give thanks for their sacrifice, and that you have not had to face the fears that they did.

*“Life, to be sure, is nothing much to lose; But young men think it is, and we were young”* A E Housman.

### **Toby Churchill**

(whose great uncle Arthur is also buried in Ismailia, uncle Robert died on another Malta convoy, and whose Commando father was also on Operation Husky)



## FAMOUS NAMES

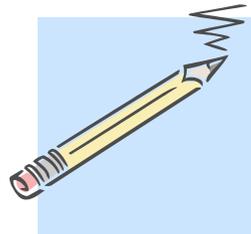
1. MARILYN MONROE
2. HUMPHREY BOGART
3. ALBERT EINSTEIN
4. MARCO POLO
5. THOMAS EDISON
6. ELVIS PRESLEY
7. ALFRED HITCHCOCK
8. WOLFGANG AMADEUS  
MOZART
9. ALEXANDER THE GREAT
10. JULIUS CAESAR
11. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS
12. CLEOPATRA
13. CLAUDE MONET
14. ARISTOTLE
15. GEORGE WASHINGTON
16. WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

## Answers

7	3	5	1	9	4	6	8	2
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# Last Writes

*From the Editor's desk*

Date of next Concord December 2013

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

Deadline for articles to be included in our next Magazine is 10th Nov  
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Martin Sofield



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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 11.30am 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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