



# ***Concord***

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



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Dear friends

Welcome to the first of our Magazines for 2013. You will remember in the last edition, for December 2012, I mentioned that our editor, Mike Whitby, was retiring from the publishing team and that we needed someone to replace him. Unfortunately, no one has come forward to take up the reigns and so I am currently putting the Magazine together myself. We intend to have four publications per year around Easter, Summer, Autumn and Christmas, and still hope to be able to provide as much information as possible in advance for you. The idea to move to a quarterly magazine was prompted by the need to address our current financial position. At the last joint Vestry meeting our payment officer gave a clear and precise projection of our accounts to the end of the year and this was not comfortable to listen to. Our expenditure is in no way matched by our income and if we are to survive as we are then we need to find ways of quickly increasing that income.

I find it difficult to bring such dark news at Easter when we should be celebrating the joy of the resurrection. However, we would not have been able to have the joy of Easter if it had not been for those dark days of Holy Week. As we reach the end of our journey through Lent let us reflect on where we are as a church and as people of God. Do we really walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and have we shared in Christ's passion? What we call the passion of Christ tells the story of the arrest, trial and suffering of Jesus, before the crucifixion. Some versions of the passion begin in the Garden of Gethsemane while others include the events of the Last Supper. Yet other versions begin on Palm Sunday on which we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the joy and cheering crowds, many of whom in less than a week would be calling for his execution. These physical experiences are not as important, though, as the spiritual reality of the whole event. Jesus showed complete and utter abandonment of self, and complete obedience to the will of God, even to death on a cross.

Easter Sunday is the culmination of Holy Week and commemorates the joy of the resurrection, three days after Jesus had been crucified. It's the most important of our festivals and we celebrate by singing joyful hymns and filling the church with flowers. But amongst all the celebration and singing do we push the survival of our church here in North Ayrshire to the back of our minds? Do we abandon the joy of being able to share the good news of the resurrection with others in our community? We are in dark times financially but because of Easter we know that nothing is impossible for God. We know that because of the resurrection there is hope. So, in the torment and injustices of this world let us remember that we are Easter people. Let us live our lives in Christ, in the world, and let us show the world that Christ is very much alive.

Freda and I wish you all a blessed and joyous Easter

*Martin*



### ***WORSHIP LEADERS' TRAINING***

Training for the Renfrewshire Region was held recently and a few from our Region went too. Of course not all dates are suitable to everyone and there is another offering of this training on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at St. Ninian's Castle Douglas 10.30am to 4pm. It is a long way to go but the training on offer is very good (I would say that seeing that I am involved in it as I am a member of the Development Team for Worship and Liturgy!) I will be attending and propose to drive down leaving Irvine round about 8.30am. Who wants to join me?

Linda Whitby

# **Our Church Finances—How the money comes and goes!**

During a discussion of our current financial situation we realised that in the time since the decision to amalgamate our finances, the membership of the vestries had changed considerably and that quite a few people did not know exactly what was paid into and from the joint pot and what expenses were paid into and by the individual charges.

So, as there are quite a few new(ish) members we (the Joint Vestry) have decided to write down the items paid to and from the Joint Pot and those paid into and from the individual charges.

## **Joint Pot Income**

- All congregational giving eg Standing orders, envelopes and open plate offerings
- Gift Day offerings
- The proceeds of Dalry's joint pot fundraiser
- All Income Tax refunds under Gift Aid

## **Joint Pot Expenditure**

- All day-to-day running cost for all 3 churches – power bills, insurances, copyrights, printing costs, St Andrew's Irvine contribution to C of S etc
- All worship costs – wafers, wine, candles, palm crosses etc
- Rectory Expenses - Council Tax, insurance, repairs
- Junior Church expenses (currently only at Ardrossan but all children welcome)
- Quota – paid on its own behalf and on behalf of the three charges but recouped from them
- Clergy Costs – stipend, pension costs, travel expenses etc
- Any other costs deemed to aid worship

## **Individual Charge Income**

- Hall rents less 25% which is paid to the joint pot to cover heating and lighting
- Fabric saving accounts in the case of St Peter's and St Andrew's Ardrossan
- Funds raised by the individual charges for specific projects eg St Andrew's Restoration fund
- Any legacies or donations given specifically to one or other of the churches

## **Individual Charge Expenses**

- Quota (calculated by Diocese)
- All Fabric Repairs and maintenance
- Repairs and renewals of linen and altar cloths, floor coverings etc
- Decoration of premises internally and externally
- Replacement of applicances e.g fridges, vacuum cleaners

We hope this helps to explain our Church finances and gives you a picture of where the money goes.

### **LADIES GROUP**

Our next meeting is on Monday 8th April, when the guest speaker for the evening is Eveline Gray, who will be talking about Ancient Asia Minor.

All our meetings are open to everyone.

DENISE ALLEN

# *Prayer Support*



**The Prayer Support Team**

In April, please remember in your Prayers  
*Lilian Bancroft June Jamieson Connie Mulcock*  
As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month  
*Our Ministry Team*



**The Prayer Support Team**

In May, please remember in your Prayers  
*Pauline Maxwell Anna Sinclair Mary McKillop*  
As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month  
*Our Intercessors*



**The Prayer Support Team**

In June, please remember in your Prayers  
*Angela Churchill Kit Still David Williams*  
As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month  
*Worship Leaders*

## THE REGISTERS

*Ardrossan*

*Joined in Marriage*

*Rhona Joyce Anderson*

*And*

*David James Cleave*

*16th March 2013*

*Departed this life*

*Brother Ronald SSF*

*13th January 2013*

*Sadie Mulgrew*

*8th February 2013*

## The Fellowship of Meditation.

This Christian based group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Crèche at St Andrew's Ardrossan. We begin with a time of fellowship over tea/coffee before beginning a time of quiet meditation which lasts around three quarters of an hour. If you would like to experience this type of quiet reflection please come and join us. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

## St Andrews Church of Scotland Irvine

Our Monday night House group and Prayer meeting continues every week at 7pm. If you would like to join us please come along, everyone is welcome. If you require prayer, please continue to use the prayer box in the church or contact Fiona.

### Lunchtime Holy week Reflections

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> –Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon, St Andrews Church will be hosting a short lunchtime reflection followed by a light lunch. Please join us in our journey through Holy week. Everyone is welcome.

Contact Fiona Blair for further details.



## **Mothers' Union.**



The Mothers' Union meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Our next meeting is on March 25<sup>th</sup> where we will be joining with the other churches in Ardrossan at St Peter in Chains for the annual Passover Meal at 7pm.

In April we will be meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm to discuss the arrangements for the Family Garden Party on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>. Full details of this event will be circulated to all the churches.

Mothers' Union membership is open to women and men of all ages and from all the congregations. Come along to a meeting and find out more about us or speak to one of our members. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

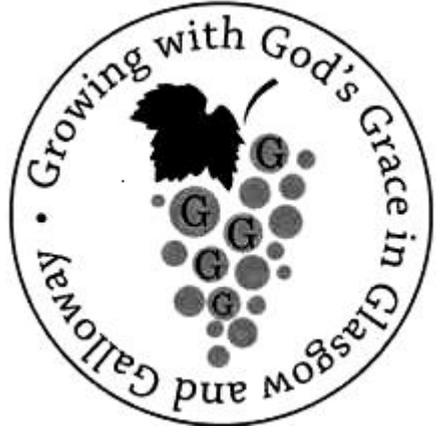


## **Junior Craft Club.**

The Junior Craft Club meet once a month on a Saturday from 11am till 3pm in St Andrew's Ardrossan Church Hall. (Children bring a packed lunch with them.) We learn lots of different crafts and take part in fun activities. Our next meeting is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March when we will be making mobiles and decorating cakes for Easter. A charge of £4 per child is made to cover the materials used. Contact Lilian (01294273568) or Claire (07970338479) if you want to know more.

## *Diocesan Growth Strategy*

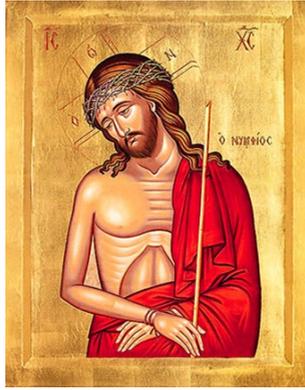
At the end of May last year all three of our churches, St Andrew Irvine, St Peter Dalry, and St Andrew Ardrossan signed the Mission Action Plans for the Diocesan Growth Strategy. We set ourselves certain tasks which we hoped would generate some growth in ourselves and those around us. Some of those tasks were aimed at numerical growth, others were to do with outreach, spirituality or learning and development.



Although the growth strategy has been driven by me, the Mission Action Plan actually needs to be owned by you as congregations. Any growth that is to happen can only succeed if the plan has your support. So far we have made good progress with Taize Prayer Services, quiet time during worship, and the singing group for growth in spirituality. We have also been fairly successful with outreach projects such as Children`s Craft Group, Messy Church, and our Service for the Blessing of Animals. And, on the learning and development front, the Lent Study group at the Rectory this year was very well attended.

As we approach the end of our first year we look forward to the visit by Bishop Gregor on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June to review our achievements so far. It is expected that as many of the congregation as possible come along to celebrate and rejoice with thanksgiving for the signs of growth that have emerged. There will be an opportunity to reflect with the Bishop on the projects that have been fruitful, and also on those which did not succeed. Discussion on these issues will help us understand why some projects didn`t work and will also help us discern the new challenges for our continued growth. Watch out for details on the weekly Pew Sheet.

*Martin*



## **Man of Sorrows Time for Contemplation....?**

Come and join us for a Service of Taize Prayer

**7.30pm On Wednesday 27th March  
At St Peter`s Episcopal Church Dalry**

There`s an opportunity to sing and pray together  
Time for quiet reflection on issues affecting ourselves  
or the Church and community

And if you`ve never been to a Taize Prayer Service  
before

a chance for a new experience

You can be assured of a warm welcome



## *Restoration Fundraising*



### **Murder Mystery**

Everyone who came to the Murder Mystery evening, enjoyed the company and the food. A big thank-you to "the cast" for making it such a fun evening. Another big thank-you to Jean for all the organising. A full total will be available shortly.

The following is a list of fundraising events coming up over the next few months, we need your continued support to make a success of the events:

26th April: PUB QUIZ NIGHT with Jeanette Jenkins.  
£5.00 including supper, bring your own bottle.

11th May & 13th July are when the Car Boot Sales take place,  
from 10.00am to 1.30pm. £8.00 per car. Stalls/Tea  
Room.

18th May FAMILY GARDEN PARTY hosted by Mothers Union  
in the Church grounds. Stalls/Activities/Good Food.  
Open at 2.00pm.

JUNE BUFFET SUPPER hosted by John and Eleanor Boss at  
1 LADYACRE, KILWINNING. Date to be confirmed.

### **ON GOING**

KNIT & NATTER GROUP will take orders for such as  
baby clothes, gloves. scarves.

*FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE*

## **St Andrew's Ardrossan Restoration News**

Some of you will have noticed that the chimney has been taken off the hall kitchen roof. We are hoping that this will cure the persistent damp in the crèche room and kitchen, so we can redecorate properly. As to the main restoration project, we have received the first cheque for £6,250 from the National Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) towards the “development phase” of the project – that is the survey of the church building to find out all the things that need fixing. When that is complete, in a couple of months or so, we have to check with the HLF if that is the work they want to contribute to, and if they approve, get estimates for the work. The HLF and Historic Scotland have promised us £110,000 towards the main project's estimated cost of £153,000, and we have to raise the balance of £43,000 before they will let us go ahead. Because the HLF/HS are unlikely to give us any more cash if things turn out more expensive than we thought, as they almost certainly will, we will need to raise more than the minimum, and we are asking various bodies for grants to add to our own fund-raising. If we can raise enough it would be nice to get the hall stonework and windows fixed as well, and in the longer term fit the kitchen out to meet local authority standards. If we can't do this all in one go, there are grant-giving bodies we can approach every year. The restoration work will make the church and hall facilities a real asset to the congregation and the community, and ensure its survival for the next 100 years.

***Toby Churchill***

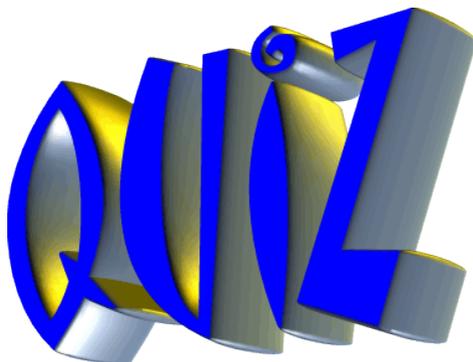
**MAKE UP A TEAM OF FOUR  
AND COME AND TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE  
AT OUR**

**PUB QUIZ NIGHT  
IN  
ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ARDROSSAN  
ON  
FRIDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013  
AT 7.30PM.**

**£5 PER PERSON    SUPPER INCLUDED    BYOB**

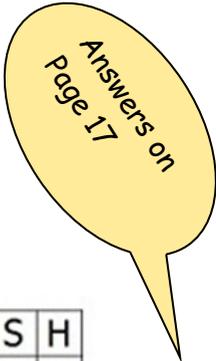
**IN AID OF THE RESTORATION  
FUND**

**CONTACT JEANETTE BY PHONE ON 01294 553383 OR EMAIL  
REVJ.JENKINS@BTINTERNET.COM**



# CREATION WORD SEARCH

This puzzle contains important words from Genesis 1, the story of Creation. First you'll need to find all the words from the word list. Then answer this question: How did God describe his creation? That word is also hidden in the puzzle. Can you find it? In all, you should find 32 words hidden in the puzzle. They may appear in any direction.

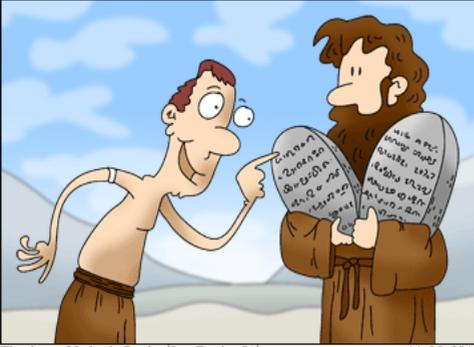


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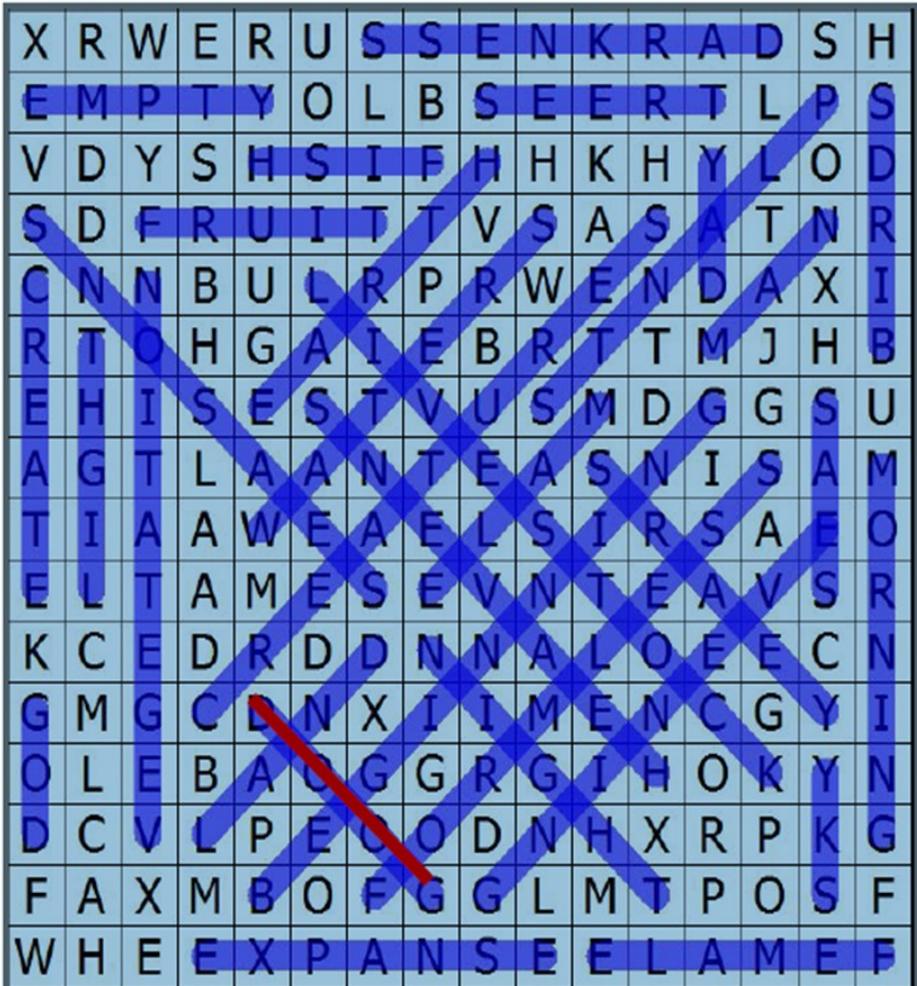
Thanks to Michael Reid (See Exodus 34) 11-26-2012



**ARE THOSE THE NEW GENERATION TABLETS  
WITH RIGHT TO LEFT CAPABILITY AND SCROLL  
SIMULATION? WHO MAKES THIS PARTICULAR  
MODEL? SPECS PLEASE!**

01. How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.
02. Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
03. A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.
04. I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
05. Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
06. England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
07. I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
08. They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.
09. I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
10. Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.
11. I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
12. I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
13. This girl said she recognised me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met her-bivore.
14. When chemists die, apparently they barium.
15. I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
16. I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
17. Why were the Indians able to settle here first? They had reservations.
18. We're going on a class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.
19. I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
20. My cross-eyed teacher lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils.
21. When you get a bladder infection you know urine trouble.
22. Broken pencils are pretty much pointless.
23. What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
24. I dropped out of the Communism class because of lousy Marx.
25. All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen.  
It's obvious that the police have nothing to go on.
26. I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
27. Velcro ..... what a rip-off!

Answers to  
Word search  
on Page 15



God said his creation was GOOD.

# ***What's Happening When... March to June***



- Sun 24<sup>th</sup>**      **Palm Sunday**  
**Today is Gift Day**
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup>**      **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**  
**Service of Taize Prayer for Holy Week at Dalry 7.30pm**
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>**      **Maundy Thursday Service at Ardrossan 7.00pm**  
*There is no Service at Dalry or Irvine*  
**Ardrossan Churches Meditation at Park Church**  
**10am**
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup>**      **Good Friday Service at Dalry 10.00am**  
**Good Friday Meditation at Ardrossan 2.00pm**
- Sun 31<sup>st</sup>**      **Easter Day**
- April***
- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**
- Sun 7<sup>th</sup>**      **Easter 2**
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup>**      **Holy Communion (MU) at Ardrossan 10.00am**
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup>**      **Easter 3**
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup>**      **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup>**      **Easter 4**
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup>**      **Holy Communion at Ardrossan 10.00am**
- Sun 28<sup>th</sup>**      **Easter 5**

## **May**

- Wed 1<sup>st</sup>**      **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan *10.00am*
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup>**      **Easter 6**
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup>**      **Holy Communion (MU)** at Ardrossan *10.00am*
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup>**     **Sunday After Ascension**
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup>**    **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan *10.00am*
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup>**     **PENTECOST**
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup>**    **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan *10.00am*
- Sun 26<sup>th</sup>**     **TRINITY SUNDAY**
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup>**    **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan *10.00am*

## **June**

- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **Pentecost 2**
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup>**      **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan *10.00am*
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup>**      **Pentecost 3**
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup>**    **Holy Communion (MU)** at Ardrossan *10.00am*
- Sun 16<sup>th</sup>**     **Pentecost 4**
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup>**    **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan *10.00am*
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>**     **Pentecost 5**
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup>**    **Holy Communion** at Ardrossan *10.00am*
- Sun 30<sup>th</sup>**     **Pentecost 6**



# Last Writes

*From the Editor's desk*

Date of next Concord July 2013

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

Deadline for articles to be included in our next Magazine is 16th June.  
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*Martin Sofield*



**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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