



Concord

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



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Dear friends,

“We are witnesses to all that Jesus did.... God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear to us who were chosen by God as witnesses.” (Acts 10:39-41). Easter is a time for us to remember just what we believe as Christians, and a time to wonder at just what God can do. The first witness to the resurrection, Peter, must have been astonished to see the empty tomb and to realise that Jesus was very much alive.

Many of us have had experiences of the living Christ in our lives but we often keep that to ourselves for fear of not being believed. But, like the disciples, we too are witnesses for Christ and the more we tell people of our own stories, the more likely they are to believe too.

Bishop Gregor will be visiting us on Wednesday 29th April to review our Growth Strategy Mission Action Plans (MAPs).

Part of those Plans has been to show the living Christ active in our communities. As we are all witnesses to the work of Christ here and now, why don't you come along to discuss all that we have done over the past year. The day begins at Ardrossan at 10.00am with Holy Communion, and then the review followed by Lunch together. I look forward to seeing you there.

Martin



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.



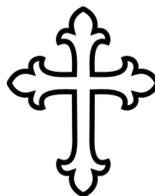
THE REGISTERS

Ardrossan

Departed this life

Margaret Jean Edmond

19th February 2015



LADIES GROUP

The Ladies Group meets on the First Monday of each month:
As always these meetings are open to everyone. **DENISE ALLEN**

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Our Lenten Address which was delivered by Rev. Tom Montgomery was inspiring and thought provoking. He took us through Lent to Easter using the paintings of Sigur Koder. The Artist asks us to look at the narrative through the eyes of Jesus which gives pause for thought. We are looking forward to hearing from John Boss about his life on the Magistrates bench at our March meeting then in April we will be having 'Afternoon Tea' at the Rowan Tree. May sees us planning for the Garden Party in June where we hope to see friends from all three churches joining us. More details of the Garden Party will follow. Look out for the posters!

All our meetings begin at 2pm in the Church Hall at Ardrossan. Everyone is welcome to attend – not just Members of the Mothers' Union - and everyone means men as well as women. Hope to see you at one of our meetings.

Lilian, Susan and Freda.

Prayer Support



The Prayer Support Team



In April, please remember in your Prayers
Angela Churchill Anna Sinclair Mary Coutts

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month
Sunday School Teachers



The Prayer Support Team



In May, please remember in your Prayers
Susan Garner Kit Still Connie Mulcock

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month
Eucharistic Assistants



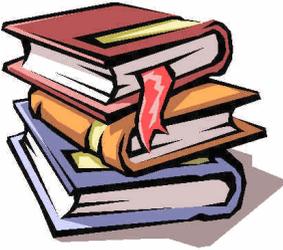
The Prayer Support Team



In June, please remember in your Prayers
Eveline Gray Kit Still David Williams

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month
Readers



The Book Club

The Book club continues to flourish and we will be continuing to read some interesting and thought-provoking books. Book club meets every four to five weeks and is open to everyone in all three congregations. Contact Yvonne for further information. Tel 552880. You will be very welcome. This month, we are reading "Every Day is Mother's Day," by Hilary Mantel. This was her first novel and has good reviews.

The next meeting of the Book Club is on Wednesday 29 April.

Yvonne

The Pink Flamingo

The pink flamingo is the national bird of the Bahamas. This year's World Day of Prayer Service was prepared by the women of the Bahamas and it was the turn of St Peter's to host it on behalf of all the churches in Dalry. Members of all congregations took part and it was well attended including some visitors from Dunlop and Saltcoats.



The theme was based on the reading from John 13: Jesus said "Do you know what I have done to you?" Prayer was offered for those afflicted by issues such as abuse, migration, HIV and teenage parenthood - problems which affect all nations.

The offering of £127 goes to Christian Societies running projects in the Bahamas. There was time to chat afterwards over tea and pineapple muffins. Thank-you to all those who helped in the preparation and delivery of the service.



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! Lilian, Claire & Clare

Lilian (01294273568)

Claire (07970338479)

During the past year we've been enjoying lots of varied activities. Each session is planned around a theme and the children get to learn many different skills while having fun. They also get to take home the things they have made. At our February meeting they made gifts and cards for their mothers, including their own masterpieces to be cherished for years to come. Our next meeting is our Easter theme and will include an Easter Egg hunt around the church grounds (weather permitting!). Great fun was had at Christmas when we made Advent Calendars among many other fun activities. It is a full on day which involves a lot of work from the team not just the planning but the setting up and clearing away. Those who have been around during a session will vouch for the enjoyment the children get out of our efforts. I am grateful to Claire White for her amazing input even when she was ill and should have been at home (!!) and also to Clair Milne for her support.

Lilian

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
Diocese, to allow your mission for
us to take flesh through Jesus
Christ our living and Eternal Lord.
Amen.*



Bishop Gregor is due to visit the Team on Wednesday 29th April to review all we have done and to discuss our journey ahead. If you have any thoughts about where we should be going on that journey then please do let me know., and do come and join the discussion on 29th April. For further information on the Growth Strategy see our website:

www.standrews-stpeters.org.uk

Knit and Natter

This group meets in the crèche on Thursday mornings from 10am till around noon. It's open to those who knit or sew and those who don't! It's a time to meet and chat in an informal way. We are currently 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'll get a warm welcome.

Fellowship of Meditation

Following our break due to the Restoration the group will be resuming our meetings at St Andrew's Ardrossan. We will be meeting on the **3rd Tuesday** of every month at **10.30am** starting on **Tuesday April 21st**. If you would like to see what it is all about do come along – it is not 'heavy' or 'deeply religious' – just a time of quiet contemplation. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ardrossan Restoration Project

Future Restoration Fundraising events:

5th April EASTER EGG RAFFLE

24th April PRIZE BINGO At Whitlees Centre

CAR BOOT SALES:

9th May CAR BOOT SALE

15th May QUIZ NIGHT Hosted by Jeanette Jenkins (Pie and Beans)

20th June GARDEN PARTY Hosted by Craft Club and Mothers` Union

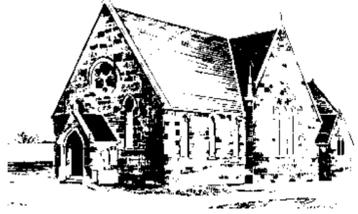
11th July CAR BOOT SALE

12th September CAR BOOT SALE

23rd October A TASTE OF MEXICO

6th November PRIZE BINGO At Whitlees Centre

28th November ADVENT MARKET



Billy Graham's All Scotland Crusade March – April 1955

It is exactly 60 years since Billy Graham and his team carried out an evangelical crusade in Scotland. It was described as the greatest religious event Scotland had ever experienced and has never been surpassed. At the time I was 16 years of age, living with my parents in Perth and working with the Post Office as a telegraph boy.

In 1954 Billy Graham had a successful campaign in London which encouraged a group of Scottish ministers to invite Dr Graham to come to Scotland and have a campaign team to cover the whole country, but with its base in Glasgow. Scotland at the time was still recovering from the Second World War and it was felt that an American style crusade could provide the churches with a blood transfusion, especially for the young people. I was a member of a church youth club and we were shown a film of the London crusade which filled us with excitement. The crusade would last six weeks with a meeting every night, bar Sunday, at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow where 10,000 could be seated.

Billy Graham's Crusade Contd.....

I and my friends joined other church members in Perth and travelled to Glasgow in a special train which had set off from Aberdeen. It took us to a station quite close to the Kelvin Hall. At the entrance a large board proclaimed "Let Glasgow flourish by the preaching of the word and the praising of His name". Inside the hall I was astounded by the vast crowd, seated in half-circle tiered seating and facing a platform with a choir of 1,200 members.

When the service commenced the choir sang with full gusto "Blessed Assurance". I can still hear the chorus "This is my story, this is my song" ring in my ears. It filled me with joy. After a few more gospel songs and solos by the team the moment we were waiting on arrived when the spotlight shone on a tall, handsome blond-haired man who stepped up to the rostrum clutching a well-thumbed bible. His message was simple. He stressed the importance of God's word and said all our problems and the problems of our troubled world could find answers within the bible.

The sermon lasted 40 minutes and then he invited us to get out of our seats and come down to the area in front of the choir. At first a trickle and then a crowd of people walked to the front as the choir sang softly "Just as I am". I wanted to follow the crowd. I looked at my friends. None of us moved. We were all frightened. As the last of those wanting to change their lives disappeared I distinctly heard a cock crow!

Thus, I had experienced my first Billy Graham rally. Although I had failed to accept his invitation something had entered my heart which many years later caused me to kneel and confess my sins to Christ.

P.S. Billy Graham is still alive at the age of 96!

Ian Richardson

Children's Page

EASTER SUDOKU

This is like the normal number Sudoku but with an Easter twist. Each of the mini grids must contain all the letters B A S K E T with no duplicates on any row or column.

		A	T		
	K			S	
B					K
A					B
	T			A	
		S	K		



Easter Quiz

1. At the Last Supper, what food did Jesus liken to his body?
2. Does Easter fall on the same dates every year?
3. Easter Island belongs to which South American country?
4. How many days does Lent last for?
5. What day precedes Ash Wednesday?
6. In the Easter song, Lord of the Dance, on which day did the “world turn black”?
7. Jesus prophesized that Peter would deny him how many times?
8. What happened to Jesus on Easter Sunday?
9. Which job did Zacchaeus hold in the bible?
10. What sweet objects are commonly 'hunted' by children at Easter time?

ANSWERS: 1. Bread; 2. No - it's a moveable feast; 3. Chile; 4. 40 days; 5. Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day; 6. Friday; 7. Three; 8. He rose from the dead; 9. A chief tax collector; 10. Chocolate Eggs

Last Writes

From the Editor's desk

Date of next Concord July 2015

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

Deadline for articles to be included in our next Magazine is 14th June
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of the Scottish Episcopal Church
A warm welcome awaits you at any of our services**

Service Details:

St. Andrew's Ardrossan

Sundays 11.30am 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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