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Dear friends,

As I write this the Summer seems to have ebbed away as the rain now falls bringing the temperature down with it. But I`m sure that by the time you read this the sun will be shining again and the beaches will once more be filled with visitors from afar. The weather has its ups and downs just as our own lives do too. Sometimes we are full of joy and happiness and sometimes we are sad. Sometimes we are full of worries and other times those worries just melt away. Sometimes we just don`t know which way to turn. But if we turn to God, and put our trust in him, then we can be sure that all will be well. We can be sure that by placing our lives in God`s hands we will find peace from all that troubles us and our lives will be changed forever. As you take your well earned Holiday rest, remember the words of Julian of Norwich, the 14th century English Christian mystic:

“All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well....”

May you all have a peaceful and relaxing time during the Summer break.

Martin



THE REGISTERS

Departed this life

Ardrossan:

Gordon Mathieson 9th March 2016

Phyllis Boyd 30th March 2016

Holy Baptism

Ardrossan:

Emilie Grace Leckie 5th June 2016

JUST A MUM?

A woman, renewing her driver's licence at the Motor Registration office, was asked by the counter clerk to state her occupation. She hesitated – uncertain how to classify herself. 'What I mean is,' explained the counter clerk, 'do you have a job or are you just a.....?' 'Of course I have a job,' snapped the woman. 'I'm a Mum.' 'We don't list 'Mum' as an occupation, 'housewife' covers it,' said the clerk emphatically.

I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our own Medicare office. The clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient, and possessed of a high sounding title like 'Official Interrogator' or 'Town Registrar'.

'What is your occupation?' she probed. What made me say it? I do not know. The words simply popped out. 'I'm a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations.' The clerk paused, ball-point pen frozen in mid-air and looked up as though she had not heard right. I repeated the title slowing, emphasizing the most significant words. Then I stared with wonder as my pronouncement was written, in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire.

'Might I ask' said the clerk with new interest, 'just what do you do in your field?' Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply, 'I have a continuing programme of research, (what mother doesn't) in the laboratory and in the field, (normally I would have said indoors and out). I am working for my Masters, (first the Lord and then the whole family) and already have four credits (all daughters).

'Of course the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities (any mother care to disagree?) and I often work 14 hours a day (24 is more like it.) But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are more of a satisfaction rather than just money.'

There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's voice as she completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered me to the door. As I drove into our driveway, buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my lab assistants –ages 13, 7 and 3. Upstairs I could hear our

new experimental model (a 6 month old baby) in the child development programme, testing out a new vocal pattern. I felt I had scored a beat on bureaucracy! And I had gone on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than 'just another Mum'. Motherhood! What a glorious career! Especially when there's a title on the door.

Does this make *grandmothers* 'Senior Research associates in the field of Child Development and Human Relations' and *great grandmothers* 'Executive Senior Research Associates?' I think so!!! I also think it makes *aunts* 'Associate Research Assistants.'

Message from Yvonne to the Irvine congregation:

Hello everyone,

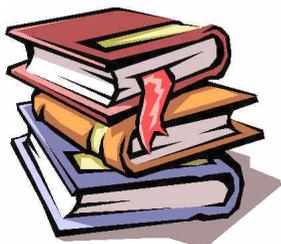
Since my accident on April Fools Day, I have been confined to hospital. I am now able to walk again, albeit with a zimmer or crutches, and I am trying hard to strengthen the leg which was very badly shattered. As I write, there is talk of me going home, although no date has been given.

I would like to thank most sincerely those of you who have given up time to visit me over the last ten weeks and who have offered prayers for me as well as their best wishes. I have also received many cards, all of which have been very much appreciated. Of course it seems that the visiting hour is the quickest one of the day, but I have enjoyed every visit and being kept up to date with life outside "prison!"

I still have a long way to go, but thanks to the skill of my orthopaedic surgeon, it seems that I will continue to improve over the next weeks and months and should be back to something like the mobility I had before in due course.

I intend to order, online of course, scones, biscuits etc so that if any of you are able to visit me at home I can make you welcome and offer some refreshment! Meanwhile, thank you again for all your messages of support, visits and prayers. I hope to be able to join you sometime in the future.

Yvonne



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.

Yvonne

Prayer Support



The Prayer Support Team

In July, please remember in your Prayers
Stuart Mitchell Carolyn French Susan Barlow

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month
Vestry Members



The Prayer Support Team

In August, please remember in your Prayers
Ella Nettlefold Anna Sinclair Mary Coutts

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month
Fellowship Groups



The Prayer Support Team

In September, please remember in your Prayers
June Wallace Kit Still Connie Mulcock

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month
Mothers Union

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.*



Part of our growth strategy at Ardrossan is to refurbish parts of the Hall that require attention so making them more accessible to the community. You may have already noticed the new windows in the kitchen, crèche room and toilet areas. Fundraising events are being arranged to help create a kitchen that will serve anyone who would like to use our hall, and replacing the windows will help keep more of the heat in and the cold out.

For further information on the Growth Strategy see our website:
www.standrews-stpeters.org.uk

IRVINE GROWTH STRATEGY PROJECTS

Below are the projects the Irvine Congregation have decided to take forward in this year's Growth Strategy.

Postcard size pictures of our Altar area with details of services on reverse for distribution to hotels, B&Bs etc,

Church Notice Board – estimate required and then a discussion on whether it might be vandalised, but certainly going ahead with getting a new pub sign – the old sign is scarcely visible!

The introduction of a midweek Service of the Word, once a month on a Thursday at 10.30am lead by our Worship Leaders.

We will hold our usual St. Andrew's Night and also a Christingle Service. All Ideas and comments welcome. Linda.

Ardrossan Restoration Project Fundraising Events:

June & July Saturdays Pop up garden fete
when weather is good 11am-3.00pm

July 9th Car boot sale 9.00am

Sept 3rd Car boot and doors open day To Be confirmed 9.00am

Oct ? Taste of Germany 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Nov 18th Bingo Whitlees Centre Ardrossan 7.30-800pm

Bon Accord Club

We meet at St Andrews' Ardrossan Church hall at 2pm on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. We occasionally have tea and a good blether in the hall but prefer, if we have enough cars with us to get out to a local tearoom for tea and cakes (and a blether). We have been to Castle Semple, Cardwell Bay and Frasers garden centres, and the Dunlop Cheese Factory (amazing cakes!). Last December we had a very good Christmas lunch at Ardrossan Indoor Bowling Club.

All are welcome to join us, but please be prompt as if we are going out we tend to leave just after 2pm. Any enquiries to Toby 01294-607293.

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AT THE BEACH WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

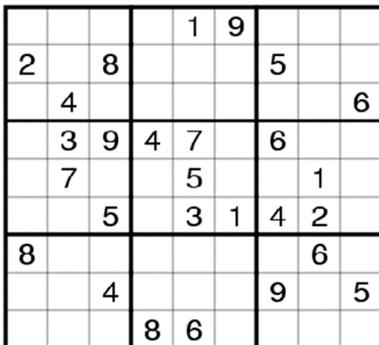


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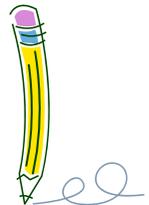
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LIFEGUARD
LIGHTHOUSE
PALM TREES

PELICAN
SAND CASTLE
SAND DUNES
SEA SHELL
STARFISH

SUNBATHERS
SURFBOARD
SWIMSUIT
UMBRELLA
WHITE CAPS



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Short Summer Jokes

Q: What did the pig say at the beach on a hot summer's day?

A: I'm bacon!

Q: What do you call six weeks of rain in Scotland?

A: Summer!

Q: How do you prevent a Summer cold?

A: Catch it in the Winter!

Q: What do you call a French guy in sandals?

A: Phillipe Phloppe.

Q: When do you go at red and stop at green?

A: When you're eating a watermelon.

Q: How do men exercise at the beach?

A: By sucking in their stomach everytime they see a bikini.

Q: What do you call a dog on the beach in the Summer?

A: A hot dog!

Q: Why do bananas use sunscreen?

A: Because they peel.

Answers



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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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