



# **Concord**

*The magazine of  
St. Andrew's and St. Peter's.  
The Scottish Episcopal Church  
in Ardrrossan, Irvine and Dalry.*



**Easter 2017**

Dear Friends,

Spring is in the air and I've been reliably informed that signs are all around us especially the wonderful display of snowdrops at Blair Lodge in Dalry where some folk visited recently. Snow drops and Crocuses are always a welcome sign as they are the first to announce early spring, nature tells us of better days to come and to bid goodbye to winter. Their message is one of hope and promise.

This is an Easter message that we prepare for as we move through the weeks of Lent a time when we are encouraged to reflect on ourselves, on God and on our relationships with one another. It means taking time out to consider the direction and purpose of our lives and if we can think about the way we act, speak and think it surely must be beneficial and a good thing.

The word 'Lent' comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *Lengten* which was used for the spring season because the days started 'lengthening'. In some parts of the world the process of sorting oneself out is linked with spring cleaning a familiar home event.

Yet another flower that's often seen during this time is the humble daffodil often growing in unlikely places such as the roadside as it blooms and dies away during this time of reflection it has been known as the 'Lent Lilly'.

It's been said that 'The Amen! of nature is always a flower' (*Oliver Wendell Holmes*) so it is helpful knowing nature is on the same path sharing and celebrating God's glory in the world only if we open our eyes and see what is all around us.

Some of you will be involved in Lent groups and this is an opportunity to share with each other and explore our faith journey.

Our vacancy continues into the fourth month its given time to think on the future of the North Ayrshire Team and the vestries have been working hard on the Parish Profile an important part of the process on how we see ourselves as churches in the present and future.

Easter is before us and the usual preparations that celebrate our Lord's resurrection will happen partly through decoration of churches when again flower arrangements demonstrate the care, work, patience and commitment of many folk.

Palm Sunday marking the beginning of Holy Week is a special time to remind us of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his journey to the cross on Good Friday. Without following in that journey we lose something of the joy and celebration of Easter morning so if you can please join us in some of the meditations and ecumenical services throughout that week. You will find information in this magazine on dates and times.

With all blessings for Easter

**Canon Sandy Montgomerie**  
**Interim Priest**

### **Women's Refuge**

Thankyou to everyone who donated selection boxes at Christmas. They were much appreciated and there were enough to give some to another refuge.

Since MU folded we are still providing toiletries and are now completely dependent on donations, in cash or kind, from our congregations. We aim to supply six bags monthly between the refuge and the short stay hostel. Your continued support to do this would be good.

Hope you will remember the Easter egg collection for the refuge children. Thanks in anticipation.

If you want any more information please contact Susan Garner or Freda Allison.

## **Easter Time**

Easter time is a special time,  
A time to remember our Lord,  
To remember he gave his life for us, this only Son of God.  
'What did that mean' we ask, in our own inimitable way  
What was it that happened on that most dreadful day?  
They hung him high and watched him cry  
Did anyone even try to ask 'why?'  
"Why are they killing a man who has done no wrong?"  
But nothing changed the minds of that rowdy throng.  
They wanted him dead but weren't aware at the time,  
The future was changing for all mankind,  
In that sad place all were so blind,  
Blind to the fact of him rising from death,  
They watched as he drew that final, pained breath.  
It surely was a time for reflection,  
As none there knew of his resurrection.  
He died to show that death is not the end,  
And we will live forever my friend.  
Faith is the answer there for us now,  
To believe and to follow and each make a vow,  
To live doing good on this planet earth  
And care for others thus showing our worth.  
Going to glory on leaving this place,  
Heaven bound we join that race.  
We owe our future to the man who gave his all,  
Showing us from grace we should not fall.  
Easter is a special time for remembering our Lord,  
By the way of his leaving, God gave us his word.  
Stay true and follow the path to eternal life  
Live in peace and harmony without any strife.

*Written by Patricia J Steed*

## GLENIFFER SINGERS

Following on from the successful Christmas Concert in December 2015, Gleniffer Singers are returning to St Andrews Church, Ardrossan on Friday evening, May 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 7.30



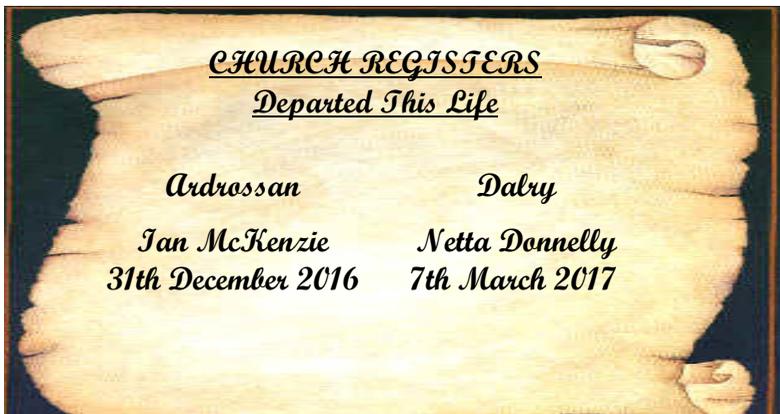
p.m. Tickets will be priced £10 (£6 for children) and will include refreshments afterwards. These can be bought from Vestry members at Ardrossan, Dalry or Irvine churches. This will be a fund raising concert for the Joint Fund.

The programme will be varied including Songs from the Musicals, Popular Music, Folk Song, Gospel and Secular – something to suit everybody.

The Conductor will again be Roger McLean and the accompanist, David Stewart. Gleniffer Singers is a Ladies Group and the 2017 Concert is a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the choir so this will be a very special concert for its members.

There will be a raffle held on the evening of the concert and any donations of prizes would be greatly appreciated.

*Carolyn French*



## Bishop's Lenten Appeal 2017



This year's appeal is for the Scottish Refugee Council based in Glasgow. This is an independent charity helping refugees and asylum seekers in Glasgow and across Scotland with support, information and advice. It began in 1985 with a small number of staff and volunteers, providing advice and support to refugees from Vietnam and Chile, among other places. Refugee Action and the British Refugee Council helped it to get started.

During the war in Bosnia 1992 to 1996 hundreds of Bosnians were evacuated to Scotland and were helped by the Scottish Refugee Council who provided a reception centre and led a medical evacuation programme.

In 1999 it ran reception centres to house Kosovan refugees fleeing ethnic cleansing. It has helped refugees from Iraq and Rwanda among many other places.

A key area of work is lobbying and campaigning for a fair and just asylum system in the face of several acts of parliament which make claiming asylum harder and harder to do and have often disregarded fundamental human rights.

The stated vision is for a Scotland in which all people seeking refugee protection are welcome, have their human rights and dignity respected and are able to achieve their full potential.

Bishop Gregor Duncan of Glasgow and Galloway is at the moment making a good but slow recovery from a stroke. Bishop John Armes of Edinburgh is the temporary interim Bishop, with the help of our Dean, Ian Barcroft. We send our thoughts and prayers for a successful return to full health.

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.'  
His son asked, 'What happened to the flea?'

# What Price a Sermon?

On Easter Sunday the Reverend Canon Montgomery announced to the congregation,

*"My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons.....*

*A £100 sermon that lasts five minutes*

*A £50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes*

*And a £20 sermon that lasts a full hour.*

*Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."*



## Ardrossan Fund Raising



### WHAT

### WHEN

### WHERE

Just Desserts	March 31st	7pm for 7:30pm	Church Hall
Bingo	April 28th	7:30pm for 8pm	Whitlees Centre
Car Boot Sale	May 13th	10am to 2pm	Church Grounds
Gleniffer Singers	May 5th	7:30pm	Church

Here are few dates to add to you calendar for various Ardrossan Fund Raising events. Any support that you can provide either by helping

## Church Mice

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# *Prayer Support*



**The Prayer Support Team**

In April, please remember in your Prayers  
***Pauline Maxwell, Helen Ternent, Mary Coutts***

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month  
***Vestry Members***



**The Prayer Support Team**

In May, please remember in your Prayers  
***Stuart Mitchell, Carolyn French, 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  
***Ella Nettlefold, Anna Sinclair, David Williams***

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month  
***Readers***

## A little “THANK YOU” for a lot of effort!

This is an evening for saying ‘thank you’ to those who help lead worship in our churches and communities;

Eucharistic Assistants, Intercessors, Lay Readers, Pastoral Visitors, Readers and Worship Leaders

Friday 19th May at 7.30pm in the upstairs chapel in St. Andrew’s Irvine.

RSVP [lindawhitby@btopenworld.com](mailto:lindawhitby@btopenworld.com) or 01294 276838

*Sandy*

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### ARDROSSAN CHURCHES GROUP

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April St. Peter’s Parish Centre (Passover Meal)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April E.U. Church

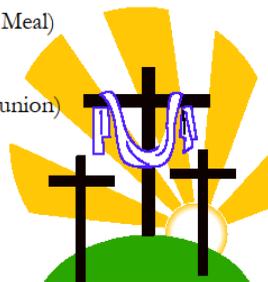
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April Kirkgate Parish Church, Saltcoats

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April St. Andrew’s Church (Holy Communion)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April Park Church (Good Friday)

Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April Castle Hill (8am)

( Followed by breakfast in the Nazarene Church Hall )



All the above services start at 7pm except Easter Sunday.

Everyone is welcome.

*Morning meditation service Monday to Friday at 10:00am in the Park Church.*

Q: Is it true that bunnies have good eye sight?

A: Well you never see a bunny wearing glasses, do you?

Q: What did the rabbit say to the carrot?

A: It's been nice gnawing at you.

Q: Why are people always tired in April?

A: Because they've just finished a March

## Other Diary Dates During Easter



- Palm Sunday 9th April.
- Wednesday 12th April 7pm Taize for Holy Week at St Peter's Dalry.
- Good Friday 10am Holy Communion at St Peter's Dalry.
- Good Friday 2 - 3pm Meditations and Hymns at St Andrew's Ardrossan



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I'M SORRY MAM, THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS WAS A MIRACLE, NOT A SERVICE OF THIS CEMETERY

Q: What kind of jewellery do rabbits wear?  
A: 14 carrot gold.

Any Holiday which starts with a 'Good Friday' can't be all bad.

Author Unknown

Bunnies are cuddly  
The large and the small  
But I like chocolate ones  
The best of them all.

Author Unknown

There would be no  
Christmas if there was  
no Easter.

*Gordon B. Hinckley*

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# Easter Anagram Quiz

How good are your anagram skills ? Just to help the first one has been completed for you.

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Barbist	R _ _ _ _ _
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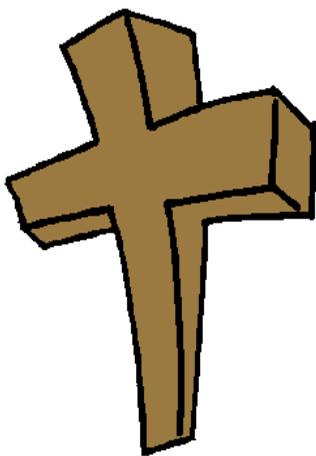
Thanks to everyone who bought cards and gifts again this year. It all helps for when we need urgent repairs or decorating

*Denise Allen*

# Easter Word Search

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RISEN  
ROMANS  
ROOSTER  
SACRIFICE  
SALVATION  
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# Quiz Solutions

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| Huggent         | Egg hunt         |
| Strongloline    | Rolling stone    |
| Sampleveal      | Palm leaves      |
| Apadre          | Parade           |
| Dustynearase    | Easter Sunday    |
| Coolgegcheats   | Chocolate eggs   |
| Esbeakt         | Basket           |
| Barbist         | Rabbits          |
| Logringleg      | Egg rolling      |
| Ohdaily         | Holiday          |
| Notben          | Bonnet           |
| Kcihsc          | Chicks           |
| Daioyfdrog      | Good Friday      |
| Ohscotsbrsun    | Hot cross bun    |
| Yedkno          | Donkey           |
| Schoters        | The Cross        |
| Deangetspig     | Painted eggs     |
| Nadmtuhsyruad   | Maundy Thursday  |
| Tornhetirsecreu | The resurrection |
| Failfdod        | Daffodil         |

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## Maria Told Her Mother Gladly

Maria came home from Sunday School on Palm Sunday and told her mother that she had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly.

It took her mother a while before she realised that the hymn Maria had been singing was really: "Gladly The Cross I'd Bear."

# A Weekend Away

On 19 February we took the ferry over to Cumbrae to spend the weekend at the College of the Holy Spirit which is part of the Cathedral of the Isles in Millport. We were taking part in a creative weekend of fireside exploration, learning about St Bride or St Bridget, weaving Bridie crosses and discovering about the many Bridie sites in Scotland. Our weekend was led by Heather Upfield, and Mazda Munn guided our weaving efforts.

The weather was a bit misty and wet, but we couldn't have had a warmer welcome from the warden Andrew Wright and his wife, Amanda, and the staff of the college. Our rooms were comfortable and the food was excellent, especially the sticky toffee pudding! The atmosphere is very quiet and peaceful both indoors and outside. The Cathedral and College are situated a little above the town centre, surrounded by lovely grounds with many trees and banks of snowdrops. Some of us went for walks and some of us enjoyed sitting by the warm log fire in the library where our meetings were held.



The focus of the weekend was about St Bride who was one of the Celtic Saints who was born in Ireland where she was known as St Brigid of Kildare and who came to Scotland in the 5<sup>th</sup> AD at the same time as St Patrick and St Columba. In Scotland she was known as St Bride. The Celtic Saints often travelled about the country and formed little cells which were humble structures around a very basic church building. The prefix 'cell' is recognisable in the prefix 'kil' in place names like Kilwinning, Kilmarnock, Kilbride, Kilmartin and Kilmacolm. Our leader, Heather shared her extensive knowledge of the stories, beliefs and traditions that are told about St Bride and told us about her research in identifying so many places in Scotland where St Bride is remembered.

This is especially in the names of farms, rivers, wells and settlements in the isle of Arran and in the Hebrides and elsewhere. We learnt that the name Hebrides means 'The Breeds' or 'Bride' Isles.

The studio where we did our weaving was in a building next to the Cathedral, which was originally built to house a visiting choir and has now been given to the Millport Art Group for their use. Mazda and her friends have made a wonderful space, complete with roaring log fire, which is available for use by the whole community. We spent an enjoyable couple of hours making our crosses and were very pleased with the results.



On Sunday we joined the congregation in the Cathedral for the morning service, where our crosses were blessed. After lunch we said our goodbyes and headed back to the mainland, refreshed and happy.

This weekend is one of the workshops and retreats that are organised by the College of the Holy Spirit at the Cathedral of the Isles on Cumbrae. There is a very interesting programme for 2017 which includes two other events involving creative arts. One is in making stained glass panels and the other is creating your own ikon led by a Romanian ikonographer who is coming again after leading a very successful workshop last year. There are also retreats with input from a leader and times of silence.

There are more details on the website: [www.cathedraloftheisles.org](http://www.cathedraloftheisles.org)

We both learnt a lot on the weekend about St Bride and hope to go there again, either for one of the courses or to visit the lovely cathedral and grounds.

*Elizabeth Deeks and Angela Churchill*

Q: What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

A: Bugs Bunny.

Q: What did the bunny want to do when he grew up?

A: Join the Hare Force.



Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.

*Martin Luther*

# *Last Writes*

*From the Editor's desk*

"The stone was rolled away from the door, Not to allow Christ to come out, But to enable the follower to go in.  
Happy Easter.

*Author Unknown*

Easter is the only time of the year when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

*Author Unknown*

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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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