



Concord

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



Summer 2017

Dear friends,

As we come to the joys of summer holidays it gives us a break from the everyday tasks and perhaps it opens new horizons. For me its a trip Canada this year but it is also time for me to reflect of the future on our team ministry in North Ayrshire. Bishop Gregor has licensed me as your Interim Priest for the next two to three years which firstly means the vestries don't have to begin the process of finding a new rector and it will allow us to build up reserves for future ministry at the end of my time.

I already believe its an exciting opportunity for all of us and with the support of our two Lay Readers. Margaret and Linda and Canon Jeanette we have a formidable leadership team not forgetting Judith and David in Irvine and Jean in Ardrossan as Worship Leaders.

You will be aware that numbers of people attending services have fallen in our churches of course that can cause worry and concern but it also becomes a starting point for us. Someone once said that growth begins when you start to accept your own weakness and there is some truth in that, but it is from small beginnings that growth happens and that is where our focus should be in the coming year.

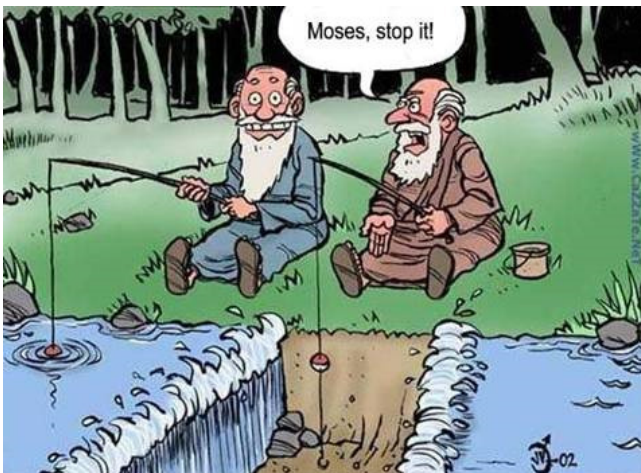
The Ardrossan church hall is being used on a Friday by Syrian Refugees for their prayer time and it is a tremendous opportunity for the church community to offer a worship space for another faith community particularly being isolated from their own country. We hope to share together a coffee morning

which should allow some interaction between each other and sample different kinds of delicacies from our countries and if possible open this gathering up to the other local churches. What we're doing is simply creating space to meet with each other in ways that previous generations couldn't or didn't. Change starts with respect for the identities of those around us and if we can give and receive friendship so much the better.

Wherever you go this summer be it home or abroad have a wonderful time and if you have an opportunity call at a church on Sunday. I have many happy memories of my time as locum in Tenerife when it seemed like a church of all nations as many nationalities joined the local congregation on Sunday and who knows you may make new friendships that last.

To finish I liked these few words on summer by James Dent:

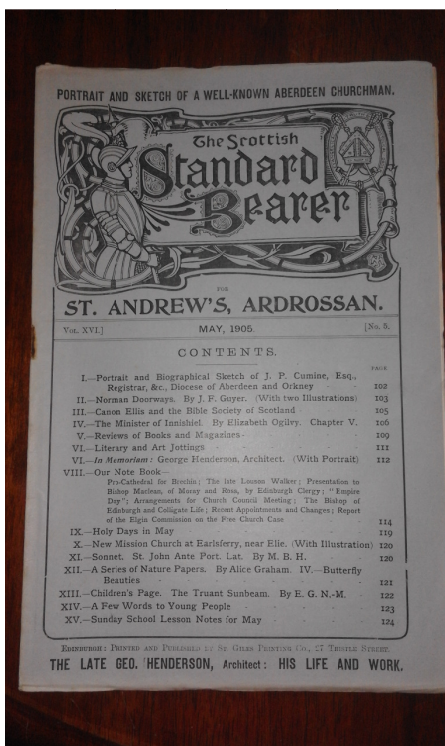
*'A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining,
the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing,
and the lawn mower is broken'.*



Every Blessing
Sandy

Walks Down Memory Lane

When members of the congregation were recently emptying St Andrew's Rectory in Irvine, they came across 24 copies of a unique journal, *The Scottish Standard Bearer*, for January-December 1905 and January-December 1909. These were passed to Sandy Montgomerie, and then on to me, with a request to peruse them and do a write-up for the Magazine.



In pursuit of more information about this intriguing publication, after a circuitous route, I was eventually put in touch with the Records Officer for the Province. She told me that the journal was produced for the Scottish Episcopal Church clergy, and was in print monthly from January 1890 till December 1920. She added that though there is a complete set in the National Library of Scotland, it is most unusual for an individual church to have kept copies. They are something of a find!

What makes them so interesting, is that while the main body of the journal is generic and comprises submitted articles and comments on the Province and wider Anglican Communion, the first 2-3 pages are the Church Magazine for St Andrew's and are written by the Incumbent. As well as financial statements, they are full of fascinating his-

torical detail, which I am looking forward to putting into a document for the Magazine. Amazingly, we have also found a further 12 copies (January-December 1910) in the Clergy Vestry and all copies are now together in one place.

In addition to information about the journals, the Provincial Records Officer was also able to tell me that an audit of Records held by Churches, was carried out by the National Records Office of Scotland, in 1988. She has provided me with a rich list of historical documents from St Andrew's, which were recorded during that event. Toby Churchill and I are currently checking the list, to make sure of each document's whereabouts. We will then ensure that they are correctly recorded, stored and archived for posterity. More about these documents in due course!

On a final note, the 150th anniversary of the Consecration of St Andrew's Church building at South Beach is coming up over the horizon. It would be a very good idea to get memories and stories of "the good old days", from our more senior members of the congregation, which can be stored with the rest of our archive material. Young or old, if you'd like to get writing, I am happy to put all the information together.

Look out for more *Walks Down Memory Lane* to come!

Heather Upfield

A big thanks to everyone that has given me money so that we can continue to provide toiletry bags for the Woman's Refuge. These are really appreciated and with your help long may this continue.

Susan Garner .

GENERAL SYNOD REPORT 2017

This was a very important General Synod for the Scottish Episcopal Church: we decided to accept the marriage of same sex couples. This, as you can imagine, was not an easy process.

Motions come from a diocese or dioceses but before any motion is put to General Synod for a change in the Canons (the rules of the Church) it has to go through a process. First it is discussed around the Province by Regional Councils, then if sufficient Councils pass the motion, it is put before the next Diocesan Synods and discussed, argued over and eventually a vote is taken on whether it should go forward to the next year's General Synod. Voting has to be done in three houses: Bishops, Clergy and Laity and the motion has to receive 2/3rds majority in each house before it can proceed.

So it comes to the following year's General Synod for its *first* reading with the same voting pattern. But during that year, discussion will have taken place, ideas put forward at Diocesan Synods – there were the Cascade meetings throughout the Province that a number of us attended. If the motion succeeds in gaining a 2/3rds majority in all houses, it then goes forward to its *second* reading in the following year.

So we come to this year and that decision. There was further discussion of course but it was conducted in very gracious terms, no strident voices, no bullying or threatening behaviour or gestures, just plain talking about consequences for and against.

Well, the secret ballot was taken, voting papers with “for, against, abstention” were collected in and then we had to wait for the result. As you know the result was for marriage of same sex couples in our church. The percentages for the motion were Bishops 80%, Clergy 67.7% and Laity 80.6% so the motion was carried

having all gone passed the 2/3rds post. Clergy do not have to take these services; they are not asked to act against their consciences. Those that are willing to take services will be nominated by their Diocesan Bishop and then be registered with the Registrar of Scotland for a three year period.

There is a drop in the number of people marrying in church, many preferring to have a civil wedding either at the Registrar's office or at the venue for the reception. So it will be interesting to see if any of the marriages are performed at any of our three churches.

There were other Canons with small changes to them that were passed and an interesting one, as a result of the Marriage Canon being changed, was the list of those who were not able to marry each other which has changed completely.

The committee for the Protection of Children and Adults reminded everyone that annual returns must be made regularly and greater attendance at workshops for both clergy and vestry members is very important.

There was a proposal that both Lay Representatives and Alternates should be on vestries; this led to a long discussion and in the end it was agreed that vestries should write to the Faith and Order Board to get the regulations which cover both positions.

The lovely printed edition of "Inspires" has published its last copy but you can get all the contents on line now at *pisky.scot*; there was amusing discussion on how "pisky" was spelt! (hope I've got it right!).

There was a long discussion on Clergy Personnel Provision; it was mainly about bringing the SEC into line with business prac-

tice but recognising that clergy are ‘office holders’ not ‘employees’. All very technical with amendments being suggested and agreed and voted on; then in the end sending it all back to the Administration Board for further consideration.

The Provincial Youth Committee were represented by Rev. Tembu Rongong and two young people from the committee who told how they enjoyed and profited from their trips to Glenalmond Summer Camps, how they’d made friends, built their confidence, enjoyed talking to other youngsters about problems teenagers experience but most of all how their faith had increased and become more firmly based as they talked together about what faith means to them. There are still places available at Glenalmond for this year’s camp.

We had a few visitors from other branches the Christian faith – Salvation Army, Methodist, United Reformed Church, the Baptists had their own meeting going on so no-one came to represent them, United Free Church of Scotland, Church of Scotland, Society of Friends, Roman Catholic and one lady Sikh who represented Interfaith Scotland. She spoke about women power and **Thursdays in Black** which is against rape and violence to women. She suggested all women should down tools for 24 hours and see how the men manage! One clergyman wondered if we are leading the way in the how we handle difficult decisions in our church. Other churches and society as a whole will be watching the Scottish Episcopal Church in the years ahead.

Linda



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!

Prayer Support



The Prayer Support Team

In July, please remember in your Prayers
Mary Stewart, Kit Still, Susan Barlow

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month
Ministry Team



The Prayer Support Team

In August, please remember in your Prayers
Angela Churchill, Helen Ternent, Mary Coutts

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month
Intercessors



The Prayer Support Team

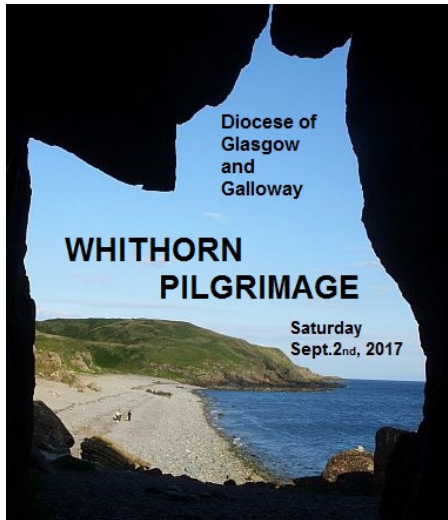
In September, please remember in your Prayers
Susan Garner, Carolyn French, Connie Muloch

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month
Worship Leaders

Whithorn Pilgrimage

In about 400 AD St. Ninian came from Tours to set up the first mission amongst the Picts, building a monastery at Whithorn, having landed at the Isle of Whithorn. As he reached out from his “White House” at Whithorn, he also spent hours in prayer at his cave on the beach. Our Pilgrimage is a chance to follow in his footsteps.....



The Development Team for Prayer and Spirituality Offers the chance to join a Pilgrimage to Whithorn Led by Bishop Gregor and David Wostenholm On Saturday 2nd September 2017

Transport will be arranged where possible, to arrive around mid-day at St. Martin & St Ninian's Church, where the

Eucharist will be celebrated. After lunch (please bring a packed lunch), the options will be to explore the Whithorn Museum and Iron-age Roundhouse, or for the hardy, to scramble over the rocky beach to St Ninian's cave, before leaving for home about 4.30 pm.

The pilgrimage is open to everyone, so please bring a friend and spread the word.

Will all those interested please notify Jennifer FitzGibbon at j2fg@aol.com, or Christine at the Diocesan Office, 5 St.

Vincent Place, Glasgow, G1 2DH Tel: 0141 221 5720/2694 by 20th July.

Please indicate if you will require/could provide transport.

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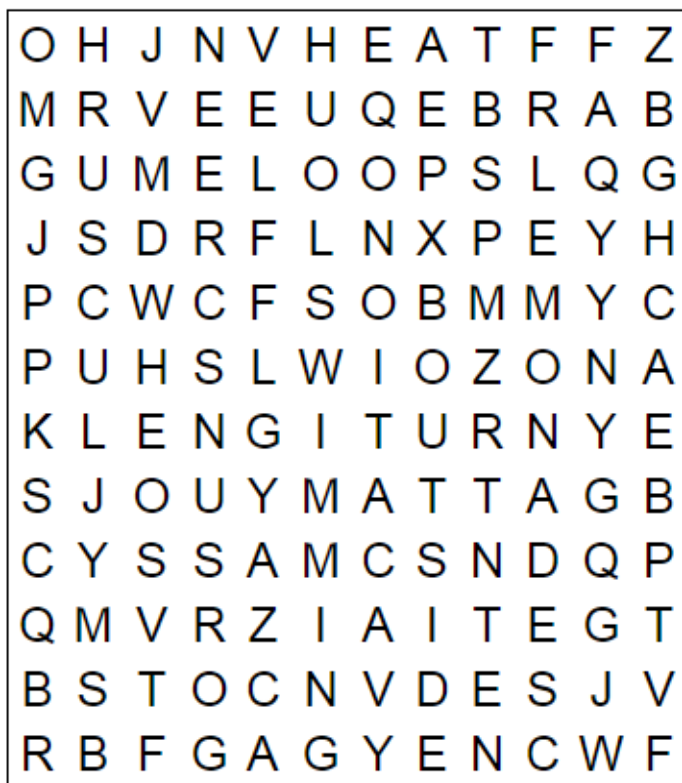
Please note that there will be no WEBB IVORY catalogues for this Christmas, as of the 30th of June

Webb Ivory will be closing.

I would like to thank everyone who over the years, for all the support you have given to the fund-raising for St Andrews through the use of the catalogues.

Dennise Allen

Summer Word Search



BARBEQUE
BEACH
HEAT
LEMONADE
OUTSIDE
POOL
SUNSCREEN
SWIMMING
VACATION

Ardrossan Chair Restoration

Some of you may recognise the two chairs that normally sit each side of the altar at Ardrossan. They were badly infested by woodworm on the same arm of each chair that a repair seemed impossible until Bill Mackie came



to the rescue. Bill skilfully cut away the offending damage and reconfigured the arms of the chairs as you see them in the picture. Now looking as new we are deeply grateful and thank Bill and Barbara Mackie from the Irvine congregation for Bill's time and patience crafting the chairs to grace once again the sanctuary at St Andrew's.

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

Yesterday I accidentally swallowed some food colouring. The doctor says I'm OK, but I feel like I've dyed a little inside.

I'd tell you a chemistry joke but I know I wouldn't get a reaction.

I wondered why the cricket ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

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P	C	W	C	F	S	O	B	M	M	Y	C
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Book reviews



Manhattan Mayhem. ISBN 9781594748943

This is a compilation of short stories featuring New York, from many famous American writers including Mary Higgins Clark, Lee Child and Jeffery Denver. There are 17 stories in all, very varied and all extremely well written and enjoyable. Perfect if you only have a short time available for relaxing with a book. I borrowed this book from Saltcoats library.

The Nine Tailors by Dorothy L Sayers ISBN 9780450001000

This classic book is one of the Lord Peter Wimsey mysteries. It was first published in 1934 and has remained popular throughout the years. The book wonderfully describes a village and surrounding area of remote fenland in East Anglia and the people who live there. The nine tailors of the title are a ring of bells, and the whole story of the unsolved mystery at the heart of the book is told through the use of references to bell ringing. Even though I know nothing about bell ringing I found the book extremely satisfying and intriguing to read. I would definitely like to read more books by Dorothy L Sayers. I borrowed this book from the small library in St Andrews Ardrossan church hall. There is a wide variety of books available to borrow or keep for a small donation to the refurbishment fund.

Tell us about good books you have read and would recommend.

Angela Churchill

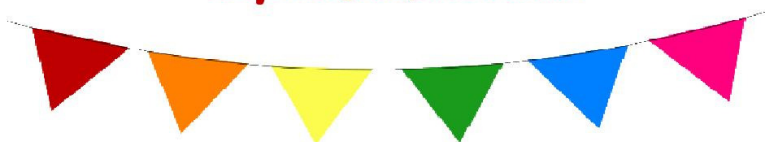
Q: What do you call a French guy in sandals?

A: Phillipe Phloppe.

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

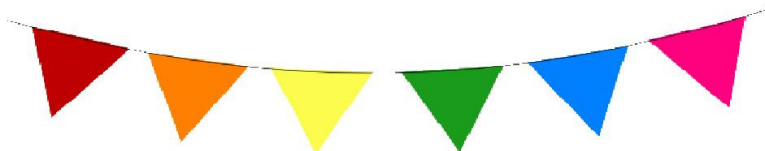
A: I'm bacon!

St Andrew's Episcopal Church
Refurbishment Fund



Saturday 2nd
September

CAR BOOT SALE



10am - 2pm

Church Grounds
South Crescent Road
Ardrossan

Tea Room
Home Baking



Cars/Pitches : £8

Contact: 01294 464968

Doors Open Day At Ardrossan

Once again the Ardrossan Church is taking part in the “Doors Open Day” on 2nd and 3rd of September. If you can spare a few hours on either of those days to help man the Church then please see Katherine Scott or any vestry member.

Readers and Intercessors Evening

The picture shows Readers and Intercessors from our three churches gathered at St Andrew's Irvine on Friday May 19th for a social evening. It gave each person an opportunity to express any concerns on the ministry they provide week by week and a time of sharing in a lovely Buffet Supper. Our warm thanks to Linda Whitby for organising the event and resourcing the food.



A friend of mine tried to annoy me with bird puns, but I soon realized that toucan play at that game.

Have you ever tried to eat a clock? It's very time consuming.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.

Last Writes

From the Editor's desk

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

Albert Einstein

Everybody is like a magnet. You attract to yourself reflections of that which you are. If you're friendly then everybody else seems to be friendly too.

David R. Hawkins



**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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