



Concord

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



Summer 2018

Dear Friends,

Its summer time and the livin is easy so goes the song by Ella Fitzgerald some of you might remember from 1968 but in fact it appeared as a single record in 1935 labelled Porgy and Bess sung then by Helen Jepson. I'm sure those days can take us back, but I suspect living was not as easy as the song suggests. This year the month of July takes us back to 1948 and the beginning of the National Health Service in Scotland on July 5th. It has been described one of the most Christian acts to be offered to the communities of that time when medical care was at a premium and unaffordable to many of the population so 70 years on we can give thanks for such a generous and forward-looking act of the parliament of the day. Today we can look back and celebrate 70 years of achievement and the difference the NHS has made to people's lives and continues to make in the future.

Any time I visit hospitals the staff are always friendly and helpful particularly if you are looking to visit a patient although sometimes that can be confusing as I found in Crosshouse Hospital one day. The name of the patient was from Ardrossan and once directed to the ward I walked in recognised her right away but she was from another church and her minister was already at her bedside. It was back to the nurses' station where after a record search they found the lady with the same name but she was on a different part of the hospital, so all was well in the end.

There is no doubt the doctors and nurses make the N.H.S. what it is with dedicated staff who despite their own personal lives look after and care for everyone else. They ensure people are kept healthy, safe, cared for and comforted whether it is their

last or first hours of life and although it can be a rewarding job, it can also be very frustrating and sad at times.

Another anniversary this year is a 1st for our three churches of the North Ayrshire Team as my first year being your interim priest has been reached. The situation we are under allows us to continue without a rector for another two years, but we need to consider our future ministry during that time. You might ask how has it been so far? Well I believe our three churches are working well and being overseen by each individual and Joint Vestry. With the dedicated support of Margaret Williams, Linda Whitby, Canon Jeanette and all you lay ministers, readers, intercessors and prayer support groups we are caring for the church and God's people just like the N.H.S. Financially we are in a much better place but sadly attendance on a Sunday has dropped and I suspect we need a health check but this time we cannot look to the N.H.S. it's up to us to make time this year to discuss and action how we might turn the situation around. That will be our task with the Joint Vestry and support from the Diocese the timing of which may of course fall as Bishop Gregor retires in October.

As we remember the church is there for the benefit of all people let us also follow the lead of those dedicated folk in the N.H.S. to ensure people are kept healthy, safe, cared for and comforted whether it is their last or first hours of life.

God's richest blessings to you all

Canon Sandy

God's Word

I had a word with God last night,
I asked him if I would be all right?.
He said 'My child you must not fear,
for I am truly always here.
You may not see me, we are far apart,
but I am always in your heart.
You need not search far and wide,
for I am always at your side.
It's hard for you to know I am there,
when often it seems that I don't care.
My child I do love you dearly,
but often you do not think clearly.
Trust in me, is what I ask you to do,
so that I may be there for you.
Do not believe what others may say
for I will support you all the way.

Be not afraid for always I am near,
to all who care to listen and hear.
If you choose another way
your soul may be lost, is all I can say.
I ask you to love, I ask you to care,
I ask you for others, to always be there.
Be ready to help and do all that you can,
so that others, through you, will see my great plan.
I ask you to show grace to all of mankind
and unlike so many you must never be blind.
Never ignore all the suffering and sorrow,
for those who do, there will be no tomorrow.
I ask such of you till the battle is won
and all is not lost from giving my son.
I gave Christ for you all that you could be free
and your soul rest in Heaven for eternity.

My son was sacrificed for all of mankind
But many, though aware, choose to stay blind.
They would rather live with destruction and greed
than open their eyes and pay some heed.
Christianity is nonsense I hear them cry,
which leaves me often wondering why?
Why do they not hear my everlasting word?
Why do they prefer to live by the sword?
Am I asking too much of the human race?
Do they honestly prefer to turn their face
from the facts that I have given,
that will truly allow them to enter heaven?
My plea is not to ignore but to follow,
to give your all for a better tomorrow,
to care, to give and to live without blame
and show love for my Son and act in his name.

So you see my child, what I ask you to do,
is let no one come between me and you.
A lot of people do not bother,
but you must treat everyone as sister or brother.
Whether they be rich or whether they be poor,
always keep an open door.
Keep a smile upon your face,
for the whole human race.
Be kind to all life on this planet I gave,
champion all beings, you must be brave.
Fill your heart with goodness for all,
then from grace you shall not fall.
All whose life shows love, will come,
to be welcomed at their Heavenly home.
When we meet above the earth and sky
joy will reign, no more asking why?.'

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Summer Sudoku



Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters
S U N B A T H E R.

Don't guess - use logic.

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Prayer Support



The Prayer Support Team

In July, please remember in your Prayers
Pauline Maxwell, Carolyn French, 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
Stuart Mitchell, Helen Ternent, Mary Coutts

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month
Intercessors



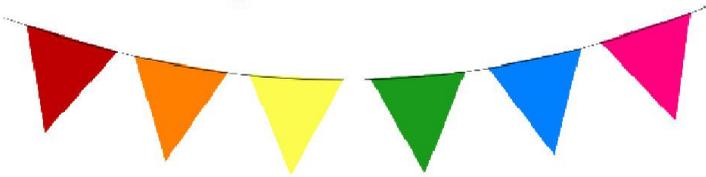
The Prayer Support Team

In September, please remember in your Prayers
Mary Stewart, Carolyn French, Connie Mulcock

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month
Worship Leaders

*St Andrew's Episcopal Church
Refurbishment Fund*



CAR BOOT SALE

**Saturday 8th
September**

10am - 2pm

Church Grounds
South Crescent Road
Ardrossan

**Tea Room
Home Baking**



Cars/Pitches : £8

Contact: 01294 464968

We are always looking for helpers for the Car Boot so if you would like to help just let the "Car Boot Team" know.

Church Registers

Ardrossan - Holy Baptism

Robin Rose Churchill Martinelli 8th April 2018

Dalry - Departed this life

Clive Desmond French 3rd December 2017

Ardrossan - Departed this life

Agnes McNeil 9th February 2018 in South-
ampton

*(Ashes interred Ardrossan Cemetery 26th May
2018)*

Zillah Fielding Brown 1st March 2018

Jean Lindsay Montgomery 19th March 2018

Irvine - Departed this life

Mary Wallace 7th May 2018

Yvonne Hannan 23rd May 2018

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

As you will be aware the Church holds data on members of the congregations; in most cases name, address, telephone number and in some cases email address. We will protect this information from loss, misuse, unauthorised access and disclosure and ensure that it is protected with appropriate security measures. In addition, we limit access to your personal data to those in the Church who have a need to know and never disclose to any third parties without your express permission. This information allows the Church to be able to contact members as required. For example delivering the magazine, emailing weekly newsletter, emailing rotas, etc. If anyone has any concerns on this then they should consult their vestry secretary.

A notice on Data Privacy following the pro forma provided by the Province will soon be displayed in each Church. If data is requested from new members in future the consent form (again the pro forma provided by the Province) will be used

CHANA - Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire.

Irvine congregation are supporting this venture.

We are collecting toiletries, new items of underwear, pyjamas, socks and gloves for men and women, household cleaning items and cleaning cloths (no bleach products) sanitary towels, disposable razors.

Items can be placed in the box at the back of the church.



**“I don’t know how you got my number up here,
but I do not need any afterlife insurance!”**

Q: How do you make holy water?

A: Boil the hell out of it!

Q: What did the air conditioning say to the man?

A: I'm your biggest fan.

Last Writes

From the Editor's desk

Q: Which is faster, heat or cold?

A: Heat, because you can catch a cold!

Q: What did the one pig say to the another at the beach?

A: I'm bacon!



**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,
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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