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



Easter 2019

Dear friends,

I love to travel and this year my journey will take me to Canada visiting Calgary and Banff with another excursion to Whitehorse in the Yukon. It all takes a bit of planning of course but that is part of the excitement I find.

We are on a journey in our three churches and particularly in this time of Lent as we travel towards Easter which is such an important part of our faith journey where we meet and pray for the future. We begin of course from home which is our place of security and then move on a shared journey towards a deeper understanding of Jesus' sacrifice and the joy which we celebrate on Easter Day.

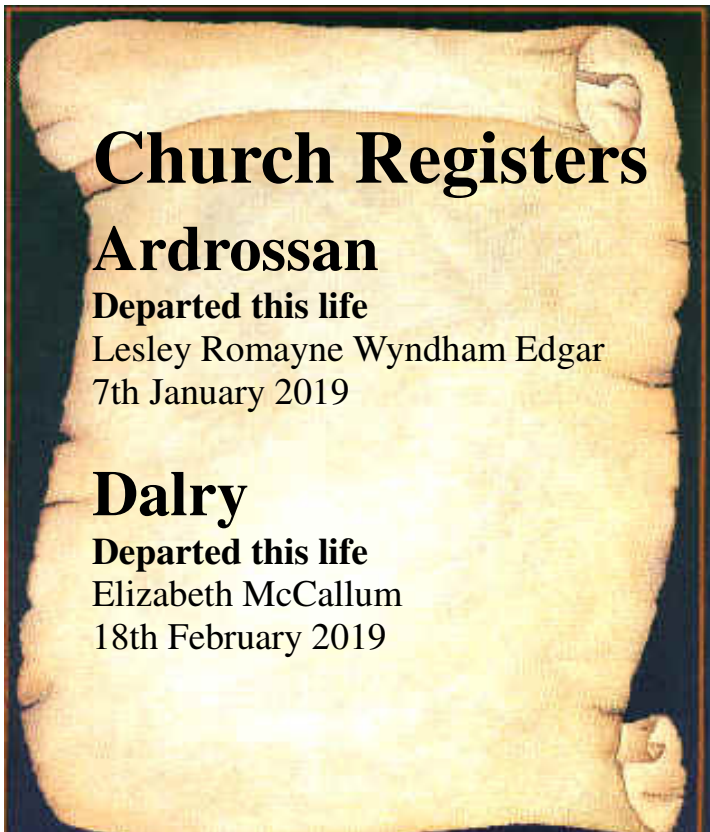
Maybe we will discover God in the ordinary places of our lives because if you think about it the bible tries to let us in on this secret by revealing God in ordinary times and places and it is where we find people just like ourselves full of sadness or happiness trying to live the best way they can. Just think of some of Jesus' parables, he says things like 'look at the lilies of the field', he speaks of a woman looking for a coin and a father running after his son. It's about being human but I think also with the knowledge that we are already spiritual beings, someone once expressed this better than I 'we are not human beings trying desperately to become spiritual we are already and essentially spiritual beings'. But who do we recognise when we seek out the human in ourselves perhaps that's why God modelled the answer on the man called Jesus, his life in that sense is bound up with ours in such a spiritual and human relationship.

So it is Jesus' journey we follow in Lent to the cross and the resurrection that we celebrate on Easter morning. There will still be the commercial intrusion of chocolate eggs and rabbits with all the trappings that go with the celebration and that's okay if we don't forget the reason for our Lenten journey's end.

During Lent we have arranged a Joint Vestry day on 6th April at St Ninian's Prestwick where we hope to discuss and discover a future journey for our three churches it will be led by Canon Jane Ross the rector of Prestwick and it will give us an opportunity to talk openly of where we are going. I have another year and a few months as your interim priest but we have to begin looking at how to progress once I step down and hopefully consider a new rector to take us on the next stage of our journey together.

With Easter Blessings

Canon Sandy



Church Registers

Ardrossan

Departed this life

Lesley Romayne Wyndham Edgar

7th January 2019

Dalry

Departed this life

Elizabeth McCallum

18th February 2019

The Homeless this Easter

Sitting here thinking this Easter day
Of Christ our saviour and what He would say
To most of us who are not suffering in life,
About those who are homeless and living with strife.
They have no home, no food, laptop or phone.
And many of them are surviving alone.

The children are preyed on, they have no chance
And for most out there we do not spare a glance.
I know we all say we are doing our best,
But what would that show if put to the test?
The Government here spends millions they say,
Pray tell how it's used and in exactly what way.

Christ said 'There will be poor always' we can't change the plan,
But everyone knows what's happening in this land.
Glasgow in Scotland holds many street folk,
A new classification for homeless, who don't see the joke.
These people are poor and live day to day,
My friends please believe this, they don't have a say.

I am posing this question 'What can we do
To give them a decent life, like me and like you?'
We are appalled by the attitude of those in power
Where the rhetoric continues hour after hour.
Day after day they continue to say 'We are doing our best'
And immediately put the issue to rest.

They decide not to listen and shut people out.
Step forward my friends or are we left with no clout?
Christ asked us to love and be kind to each other.
Not act if the homeless cause too much bother.
They deserve the best love and care shown to each soul,
This in Christ's name should be our goal.

Let us treat all with the same care and love
As Christ asked us to do. when he left for above.
We tend to be very insular at times

And often for us, matters depart from our minds,
To stop ourselves giving the love that we can,
We are often convinced it's not part of our plan.

We make excuses when told many homeless are fakes,
This put in our minds is all that it takes
To stop us providing the care that we should,
The words that haunt us change our mood.
We must ignore those who choose to belittle the poor,
Christ gave His life at Easter to open the door,

To show love, hope and caring without a wall
And at Easter on leaving He gave us the call,
To ignore those who seek to stir up a war
Against those who are homeless and also the poor.
To give love to the helpless regardless of cost
And without doing this we all will be lost.

Written by and copyright to Patricia J Steed

Bishop's Lent Appeal



This year the Bishop's Lent Appeal is for Malawi Association for Christian Support, known as M.A.C.S. Malawi is among the poorest ten countries in the world and MACS has been working there since 1993. MACS works in partnership with local people on education, health and community projects in the rural areas, where the needs are greatest. Currently they are trying to raise £170k to build a new operating theatre in St Luke's Hospital, Malosa.



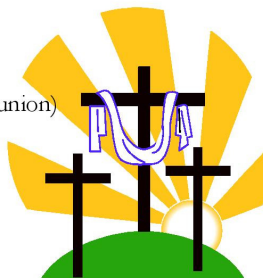
Please use the enclosed envelope for any donations that you would like to make to this appeal
You can find out more about their work on their web site <https://www.malawimacs.org/>

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

ARDROSSAN CHURCHES GROUP

Monday 15 th April	St. Peter In Chains
Tuesday 16 th April	E.U. Church
Wednesday 17 th April	Kirkgate Parish Church, Saltcoats
Thursday 18 th April	St. Andrew's Church (Holy Communion)
Friday 19 th April	Nazarene (Good Friday)

Easter Sunday 21st April Castle Hill (8am)
(Followed by breakfast in the E.U. 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.

Additional Holy Week Services

Good Friday

- St Peters at 12 noon (Stations of the Cross at St. Peter In Chains, Ardrossan)
- St Andrews 2-3pm (Good Friday Meditation at St Andrews, Ardrossan)
- St Peters 3pm (Celebration of the Lord's ascension at St. Peter In Chains, Ardrossan)
- Park 3-5pm (Egg Hunt and Mini Messy Church at Park Church, Ardrossan)

Saturday 20th St Peters (Saturday Night Vigil)

Prayer Support



The Prayer Support Team

In April, please remember in your Prayers
Dorothy Lynam, Helen Ternent, Connie Mulcock

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month
Ministry Team



The Prayer Support Team

In May, please remember in your Prayers
Pauline Maxwell, Carolyn French, David Williams

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month
Intercessors



The Prayer Support Team

In June, please remember in your Prayers
Stuart Mitchell, Kit Still, Susan Barlow

As they pray for members of their Congregation

Remember also this month
Worship Leaders

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins
or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen

I'M FINE THANK YOU

There is nothing the matter with me
I'm as healthy as I can be
I have arthritis in both my knees
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet
Or I wouldn't be able to be out on the street
Sleep is denied me, night after night
But every morning I find I'm alright
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral of this, as my tale I unfold
That for you and me who are growing old
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin
Than to let the folk know the shape we are in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent?
Well, my 'get up and go' has got up and went
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin
Of all the places my 'get up' has bin

Old age is golden I've heard it said
But sometimes I wonder, as I get into bed
With me ears in a drawer and my teeth in a cup
My eyes on the table, until I wake up
Ere sleep overtakes me, I say to myself
'Is there anything else, I could lay on the shelf.

When I was young my slippers were red
I could kick up my heels over my head.
When I was older my slippers were blue
But still I could dance the whole night through

Now I am old my slippers are black
I walk to the store, and puff my way back.

I get up each morning, and dust off my wits
And pick up the paper and read the 'Obits'
If my name is still missing, I know I'm not dead
So I have a good breakfast and go back to bed.
(Author Unknown)

Global Partnerships Committee

At our recent Regional Council meeting the speaker was David Kenvyn (convenor of the Provincial Global Partnership Council – previously known as the Provincial Overseas Committee). He spoke about the work of this committee and some of the projects being supported.

The work is carried out in partnership with Anglican communities abroad. They have an annual budget of approximately £100,000 to £120,000 depending on income from investments on legacies / bequests with specific intentions for spending.

The committee is proactive in seeking applications from overseas. You will all be familiar with the Diocesan Prayer Cycle? Every week David makes contact with the Bishop of the Dioceses on that list - not the rich ones! - letting them know that Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) is praying for them, asking if there are any projects needing financial support.

David explained if individual congregations, here in Scotland, have projects they support, the Global Partnerships Committee can be approached to offer support too. The committee doesn't get involved in emergency appeals – this is for the Disasters Emergency Committee, we see these appeals on TV and in the papers.

He gave examples of some supported projects:

- South Sudan - wrecked by war for the last 50 years - the SEC is funding projects to help in the peace process in three or four Dioceses - building bread ovens (bread is

needed for food and for communion) - training clergy to go to remote areas.*

- Brazil – safe homes – mainly for women fleeing domestic violence, prostitution and gender violence.
- Northern Canada – working with Innuits
- China – working alongside Church of Scotland – supporting hospitals dealing with eye complaints / issues which individually are often low cost but make life changing differences to the recipient. Ophthalmologists' from Scotland giving skills and time can be funded to go to these hospitals.
- South Africa – 'pensioner projects' – these people have been 'orphaned' as their children and / or grandchildren have died due to the AIDS epidemic and have no one to care for them financially or socially.
- Malawi – along with S. John's in Dumfries who made a threshing machine which needed transporting to Malawi – support is offered to grow rice. Help raise the profile of this rice to enable growers get distribution links / markets for the rice.
- Arch Diocese of Jerusalem – a donation was made to fund a Christmas party for Palestine children in Bethlehem.

All projects are scrutinised and vetted as required by OSCR – Scottish Charity Regulator. Monitoring with feedback is ongoing, if not provided, the next 'tranche' of funding is withheld. Updates of projects can be seen in 'Pisky.scot' the online magazine of the Scottish Episcopal Church.

I hope you enjoyed reading this as much as I enjoyed hearing about this work ongoing throughout the world by our church, of which I knew very little.

Susan Barlow – Regional Representative S. Andrew's Irvine

Last Writes

From the Editor's desk

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."



**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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