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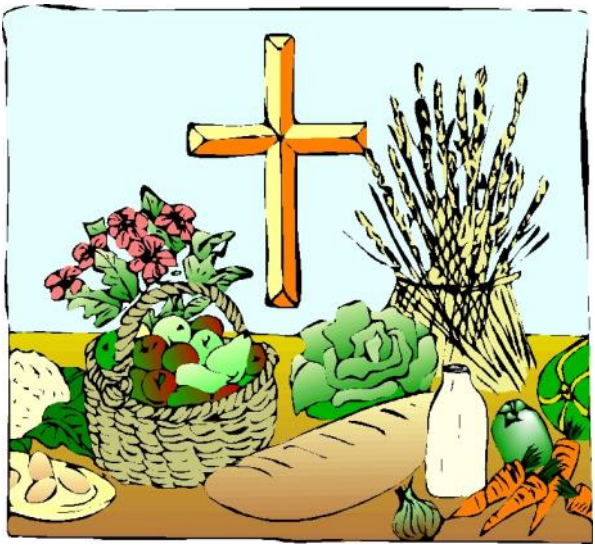
September 2022



SUNDAY SERVICES
Alternate between Auchincruive and Dalmilling

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Rev John McCutcheon

SESSION CLERK

Minister's Letter

Welcome to the latest edition of our church magazine, and I hope that for nearly everyone reading this you have been able to make the most of the fairly good weather that we have had, and that the two-day heatwave that we experienced wasn't too much of an inconvenience.

As we continue to move forward as a church, sometimes it's easy when you are in a position of leadership (in fact in any types of leadership) to be that focussed on events, trouble-shooting, planning and so on that you don't get to see everything else that's all around you, and to be thankful for them.

Although this is my third summer in the manse, and probably the worst summer of the three (weather-wise), I have become aware of the rich variety of plant and colour that is growing in the front garden. They are things of great beauty and a source of great blessing. Whoever originally put the plants in place definitely had an artist's eye for things of splendour. Though in fairness I think the gardener who came in and separated the plants from the weeds has been responsible for enhancing this as well.

I have also noticed the variety of birds both big and small that seem happy making themselves at home in the back of the manse. There have also been the odd guest appearances by a hedgehog, squirrel and even a fox.

The point being that we can sometimes become caught up in the things that life throws at us and we lose sight of all the good things that God brings to us to remind us that "it's not just all about us". That we are part of something that is much bigger than ourselves. There are so many things of beauty and creation all around us and

sometimes we have to pause and appreciate all that we have.

The events in the world show how quickly things can change, and that the things we take for granted may not always be there.

It is a great privilege to be your minister and if you need to get in touch for any reason at all please use the contact phone number that is in the magazine, or else email me at JMcCutcheon@churchofscotland.org.uk

Many thanks and hopefully see some more of you at church over the coming months

John

Communion
4th September at Dalmilling Church

Please note we are still being asked to bring our own bread and wine or juice to Communion

For those of our members who are unable to get to church a home communion is available if you feel you want it or if it would be helpful.

Please feel free to get in touch if I can help you with this.

John Tel: 01292 861641

PRESBYTERY MISSION PLAN

We are hopefully at the concluding part of the Presbytery Mission Plan. At the time of writing, it is due to be submitted by the Mission Committee to the Presbytery on Tuesday 23rd August for Presbytery's agreement. If agreed, it will then be submitted to the Faith Nurture Forum and the General Trustees for their agreement. All being well it should be then returned for the final meeting of Ayr Presbytery in September before we go into the new Presbytery of South West Scotland.

There are two things that are definite as far as the Presbytery Mission Plan concerns us:

St Quivox and St James will go into a union and Auchincruive church will close within 3 years at the latest. This does not mean it will close in 3 years. It will be sometime within that time scale, depending on how quickly the union with St James takes.

It will be my intention to write to everyone to flesh things out over the next couple of months once the Plan is ratified at both Presbytery and National level, and to try and give you a time frame for and an overview of our union with St James.

On the 12th June Barbara and myself had a pulpit exchange with one another, in order for our respective congregations to familiarise themselves with their potential new minister, and to also show that the Union will take place at some point in the not too distant future. There are plans to have a future pulpit exchange and also to have a couple of shared services, with one at St James and one in St Quivox .

The first of these will be a joint Gift Service at St James Church on Sunday 11th December. As previously intimated our church will be closed on that day.

Rev John McCutcheon

I hope everyone at St Quivox is well and making the most of the 'summer' weather. I use this word very loosely as at the moment the weather hasn't been great and there has been lots of nights when myself and the others have been unable to do any work in the church gardens because it's been too wet. It's great for the flowers but not the weeds. I have always said that weeds are the quickest growing things in a garden.

A small group of volunteers maintains the Church gardens at St James. There is 6 of us who help on weekly basis, or sometimes recently its been less often because of the weather. We generally stop working in the gardens about September. We then resume again about the beginning of April time.

We meet on a Tuesday evening from 6.30pm until about 8.30pm or earlier depending on the great Scottish weather. We occasionally work on in the rain as I tell my team that the weeds come out easier.

When I first started helping in the gardens I had a small patch but nowadays I just work in any part of the garden that needs attention as we don't have so many helpers. It's a good job I find it rewarding and enjoyable.

We have a community garden, which is just next to the Church hall. The Sunday school and the Boys Brigade use this. This year they scattered wildflower seeds to help the bees.

Last year we held a coffee morning after the Church service in the church gardens where people enjoyed chat and had a chance to admire the gardens too. In June this year we held a garden party in the front gardens of the manse to celebrate the jubilee, there were lots of hats/fascinators that Sunday. It was enjoyed by all who came along.

Lorna Finlayson, Head Gardner @ St James Church, Ayr

HARVEST

Our harvest service this year will be on the 9th October at Auchincruive, the second Sunday of the month. As usual there will be the opportunity to bring non perishable foods that will then be distributed to others.

Harvest is one of the great traditional dates in the church calendar. It's a reminder to us of how reliant we are on the produce of the land, of those who work on it, and of God's guiding hand that makes all things possible.

In the Bible, great Jewish feasts were connected to the harvest. For example:

The Passover was held early in the year. A sheaf of the grain was offered to the priest which he was to wave before God as a thanksgiving offering on the people's behalf (Leviticus 23:10).

Fifty days later came Pentecost, when the wheat was ripe; and then two loaves of the new corn were waved before the Lord (Leviticus 23: 16-17).

The New Testament and the gospels also use the harvest in a descriptive manner for describing God's relationship with his people eg "The harvest is plenty but the workers are few", (Matthew 9:27, Luke 10:2).

And if for no other reason, our harvest service is a great opportunity to sing some of the great harvest hymns that we only get to sing on an annual basis.

John

‘Harvest Wrappings’

God hides his living seeds
In rosy apples, ripening pears and juicy oranges;
in red tomatoes, rounded swedes and long, green dangling runner beans.
To hang the trees with purple plums
God sends the sun and rain in bouts,
And vines with luscious grapes are decked
While fields yield broccoli and sprouts.

As harvest time returns,
The varied ways in which God wraps life-giving seeds
make for a colourful display of fruit and flowers of every kind;
beauty of pattern and design.
This is a feast for all to share,
Filling our hearts with gratitude for God’s incessant love and care.

So when in many lands,
We eat the fruit and sow the seeds in partnership with God,
he feeds us with delicious food,
renewing body, mind and soul, and blesses us in many ways.
Then we, in glad responsive love, will give him joyful thanks and praise.

by Beryl Chatfield

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHURCH MAGAZINE, SEPTEMBER 2022

At the end of July our Income stood at £23,157.84 which was 10% over our budgeted figure. We are projecting an increase of 4.7% over budget at the year end. On the Expenditure side, our payments totalled £28,715.13 which was 2% under budget and we are projecting to be 0.5% under budget at the year end.

The effect of this on our Net total is that we are projecting a loss on the year of £7,168.38 which is 38% lower than we had projected. Our current overall deficit is 35% less than budgeted as at 31st July and projection is £9,302.00 (20% less than budgeted) at year end.

We will however have to pay £3,600 for the damage caused during the recent break-in but we will hopefully recover this from our Consolidated Fabric Fund.

Our Bank balance stands at £26,374.44, a reduction of £5,788.64 from the end of 2021.

I have resigned as Treasurer effective from 30th Sept. after 12 years in the position. There are various duties that I did that will need to be filled so if there is anyone who would be willing to help us with one or more of these, could you please contact the Minister or myself? It will be vital that these duties are allocated as we cannot continue without them. Thank you and also for your patience over all the years.

Colin Mutch

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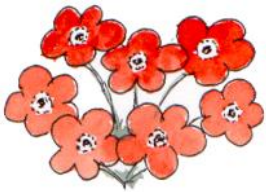
Remembrance Service



The Scottish Poppy appeal takes place between late October and November every year. The poppy first became a symbol of remembrance and hope over 100 years ago. It was inspired by the poem 'In Flanders Field' by Lt Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian army doctor. Amidst the churned up earth and devastation of the battlefields of Flanders somehow the Poppy survived and grew by the thousands.

The Lady Haig Poppy Factory hand make over 2 million poppies and 10,000 wreaths every year. The poppy symbolises our remembrance of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in war and the money raised goes towards supporting those who have been left disadvantaged by their time in Service to their country.

Our service of Remembrance will be on Sunday 13th November in Dalmilling Church followed by the laying of wreaths at Whitletts War Memorial. More details will be published nearer the time on our Facebook page.

dalmillingbrownies@hotmail.com

At the end of last term, 1st Dalmilling Brownies joined lots of other local Brownies, Rainbows, Guides and Rangers from Girlguiding Ayrshire South for a trip to the Heads of Ayr Farm Park. Here's what we saw ……..

FUN AT THE FARM PARK!

1st Dalmilling Brownies went with lots of other Brownies to the Heads of Ayr Farm Park. Lots of Rainbows, Guides and Rangers came too. The Owls came too.

The farm park is a good fun place to go with your friends. Lots of things to do and animals to see and good ice cream! *Amelia*

First we went to the gift shop to buy toys.

We liked the gift shop. *Amelia and Mila*

Next we went to see the monkeys.

Barn Owl Karen from Asda and Riona liked the monkeys.

After that we went to the indoor soft play and the drop slides.

I liked the soft play and drop slides, it was the first time I have been down the biggest slide! *Anna*

We went to the Little Critters Animal Barn. We saw lots of small animals.

We saw mice in Mouse House and rats in Rat Shack.
I liked the Mice best because they were very cute. *Mila.*

I liked the Guinea pig as it was so cute. I now want one as a pet. *Amelia*

We liked the parrots. *Amelia, Mirren and Mila*

My favourite animals were the giant rabbits! *Riona*

We liked the snakes and lizards. *Amelia, Anna, Mirren and Mila*

Then we went on the jumping cushions and after that we went on a train ride. We went round a lake and there was a Loch Ness Monster in it! We went in a tunnel.
We liked the train. *Mila and Barn Owl Karen*

It was hot so we went for an ice cream. We all liked the ice cream!

Then we went outside to the pirate ship playpark and the tyre slide.

I liked the pirate ship it's really fun walking the plank. *Mirren*

After that we had a walk around the fields to see the animals. We saw lots more animals.

We liked the Shetland ponies. *Amelia, Mirren, Riona, Anna and Barn Owl Karen*

Barn Owl Karen liked the pig the best as he was huge, absolutely massive!

We liked the wallabies. *Anna, Riona, Mirren and Barn Owl Karen*

We saw some sheep. *Barn Owl Karen*

The baby donkey was showing off running round the field.

I liked the baby donkey best because he was just so cute. *Mirren*

We liked the alpacas.

Amelia and Barn Owl Karen

I liked the Billy goats best because they are soft, cute and friendly. *Anna*

We saw some meerkats. They were very funny. *Amelia, Riona, Anna, Little Owl Lara and Barn Owl Karen*

Brown Owl liked the little muntjac deer. They were so quiet and sweet.

We saw ducks, chickens and geese. *Barn Owl Karen*

We didn't have time to see the camel. It was time to go back to the bus to go home.

"The farm park is really cool as there is lots to do and I always have fun everytime I go. I think it's an awesome day out." *Mirren*

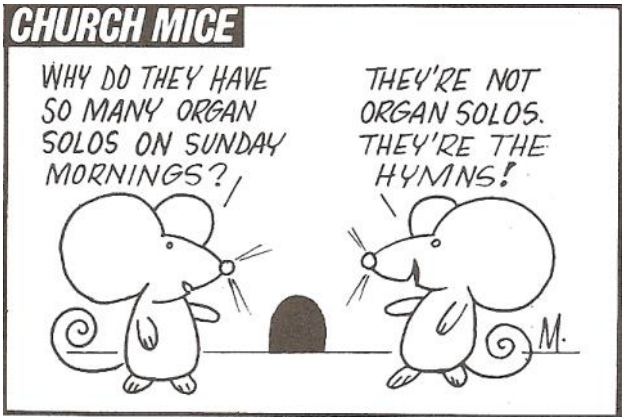
"The farm park is a great place to go to have fun with your family and friends." *Riona*

"The farm park is an amazing place for children to see animals close up and to touch some of them." *Barn Owl Karen From Asda*

"The farm park is a fun, animal-tastic day out for all the family." *Anna*

"Fun!!" *Mila*

We are still looking for Leaders to restart the Rainbows, and we have girls waiting to join. A programme is already available, and full training and support will be given. If you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming a volunteer Rainbow leader, please get in touch. For more information, contact Brownie leader Lise Whittle at dalmillingbrownies@hotmail.com or District Commissioner Janis Meredith at dcjcentralayr@girlguidingayrshiresouth.org.uk



HARVEST IN CRISIS

As we look forward to our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, we think of the hymns we will probably be singing. These may include

⇒ We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.

⇒ Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

Unfortunately, this year all may not be gathered in and the world is already facing a food shortage crisis especially hitting the poorest of nations.

As I write this there are reports of damage or loss of crops around the world. In China a summer of record rainfall and an extreme heat wave have resulted in flooded farmlands in some areas and crops withering in scorching heat in others. This is also happening in India where a heatwave throughout March and April has damaged the wheat crop and dramatically reduced output. Meanwhile in America drought conditions have limited wheat production in the Midwest states of Kansas and Texas.

Even in Britain we have seen record temperatures recorded of 40°C in England and 10 degrees lower in Scotland. For a small landmass we have seen some extremes of weather with heatwaves and drought in the South and higher than normal rainfall in the North. Any extreme of weather can devastate crop production.

All the above were already contributing to forecasted crop shortages and the resultant hike in prices before Russia invaded Ukraine, the breadbasket of Europe. The invasion and war within Ukraine led to a situation where 20 million tons of grain have been trapped in storage with no safe way out. Recently a pact was signed between Russia and Ukraine which would allow safe passage of container ships. The first of these ships left Odesa on 1st August. However, with mines in the Black Sea it will prove a risky business to

navigate these waters and not all shipping companies will be comfortable with this.

So let us pray that

⇒ World governments come to an agreement to tackle Climate change which is so dramatically affecting world food production due to adverse weather conditions.

⇒ Russia does not renege on its promise to allow safe passage of ships carrying grain from Ukraine and out of the Black Sea.

Elizabeth Brechany

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Some of the Nations represented in COMMONWEALTH GAMES—BIRMINGHAM 2022

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ENGLAND	KENYA	RWANDA	WALES
ESWATINI	LOSOTHO	SAMOA	ZAMBIA

What a great show Birmingham has put on hosting the Commonwealth Games. BBC Television coverage of the games has been comprehensive showing across BBC1, BBC2 and the iPlayer.

I've loved every minute of it. From the highs and lows, literally, of the Gymnastics, Swimming, Diving, Boxing, Cycling, Field and Track and all the team events it was a wonderful occasion especially for the Home Nations who performed so well.

Some of my highlights include the power, strength and agility demonstrated in the gymnastics. Jake Jarman at 20 years old was incredible as was Joe Fraser. It was a lovely moment when Joe Fraser took a boat ride round the canals of Birmingham letting people see his Gold medal. He even encountered a friend he had gone to primary school with and was really pleased to see him.

In the swimming instead of competing for team Britain, Duncan Scott and Tom Dean put friendship aside as they swam for their country. From individual to relay races both men can be proud of the effort they put in and the medal tally they went away with.

Meanwhile a bad start with a crash and poor results meant Laura Kenny headed home ready to pack in her competitive cycling.

However the following morning in a completely different mindset she took part in the 10Km, 40 lap race and earned gold in what she said was 'one of the proudest moments of her life'.

On the track we had sterling performances from Laura Muir in the 800 and 1500 metres, gaining Bronze and Gold medals. In an interview Laura said the 800m was her fun race. Eilish McColgan went all out in the 5000 and 10,000 metres putting in strong, gutsy runs and earned Silver and Gold medals. These women are great ambassadors for Team Scotland.

There was disappointment too in these games. England's women's 4x400m runners who having won Gold were then disqualified for a lane infringement when one of the runners placed her foot in the wrong lane.

There were also a few athletes who jumped the gun and were disqualified from starting, a very harsh penalty. I much preferred the days when athletes got a second chance.

Finally I was devastated to hear the Birmingham Bull was to be dismantled. Thankfully it has been given a reprieve and will remain in the centre of Birmingham until the end of September before then being moved indoors.

Elizabeth Brechany

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From the Archives –2013

Alex Little receives his long service certificate, having served St Quivox Church as an Elder for 50 years.

Celebrating 60 years of worshipping in the church at Dalmilling. Our oldest member and youngest attender cut the cake.

Getting ready for a sale at The Nearly New Shop. A wide range of clothing on sale and a cup of tea as well. What more could you ask?

I FOUND GOD IN THE MORNING

WE JUST SAT AND TALKED.

I KEPT HIM NEAR ME

EVERYWHERE I WALKED.

I CALLED GOD AT NOONTIME,

A HEART FILLED WITH DESPAIR.

I FELT HIS QUIET PRESENCE,

I KNEW THAT HE WAS THERE.

WE MET AGAIN AT SUNSET,

THE WANING OF THE DAY,

I HAD MADE HIM HAPPY,

I HAD LIVED HIS WAY.

THEN AT BEDTIME I KNELT

SILENTLY IN PRAYER.

AGAIN HIS GENTLE PRESENCE I FELT:

SOMEONE DOES CARE'.

anon.

PARISH REGISTER

Deaths

26th May Jeanette Cuthbert, 100 Gould Street

27th May Jeanette Henderson, 41 Westwood Avenue

31st May Pat Johnston, 1 Nevan Road, Troon

June James Nisbet, 27 Fir Park, Sorn

25th July, Janet Leydon, 12 Braemar Square

2nd August Davie Fisher, 17 Glenmuir Court

"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Revelations 21:

Wedding

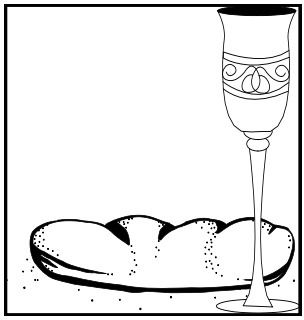
27th July Gareth Nimmo & Amanda Kane
St. Quivox Church, Dalmilling.

We Invite You

To join us for COMMUNION

SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2022

At Dalmilling Church



Do this in remembrance of me.
Luke 22:19

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