

St Molios Church Magazine



November 2018



THE U IN JESUS

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.
When JesUs left earth at His Upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

"Go into the world and tell them it's true
That I love them all - Just like I love U."

So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?

It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know,
But it all starts with U.
Will YOU pass it on.

When Jesus died on the cross he was thinking of yoU!

November 2018



Dear Folks

The busy summer round of church fetes, sales of work, concerts and auctions had just come to an end. A visitor in the queue behind me in the post office commented that having read the Banner, he realised it had been another busy time for me and for the congregations of North Arran. I agreed that it had and that people had been very generous in their support of all our events. He then commented, that in his opinion, instead of going into church funds, he wondered if surely the money raised couldn't go to a better cause, perhaps to help the young people of Arran? The church it seemed to him was always 'rattling the collecting tin' and fund-raising for itself.

At least I was able to reassure him, that through the work of Arran Youth Foundations, of which I am chair, the young people of Arran were very well catered for nowadays in comparison to a few years back, that all the congregations on the island made monthly contributions to the work of AYF and Arran Churches Together gave it its full support. Many of the volunteers who help run AYF are also church members and many others like myself serve as Trustees and office holders.

I assured him too that all congregations, through coffee mornings and collections, also worked tirelessly throughout the year to support a huge variety of charities, among them Mary's Meals, World Vision and Christian Aid, to name but a few. Indeed, I was able to say that the Shiskine door to door collection for Christian Aid had just raised almost £1000, a truly remarkable figure from a small community.

He didn't seem very convinced. Maybe some of you reading this aren't convinced either and wonder why so much of congregational energy is taken up each summer with fund raising events.

The simple answer is that it takes a huge amount of finance to keep the doors of our beautiful but ageing churches open and the roofs watertight. I guess I could add to that, not to mention the manses. But

that is another story. The local church is I hope also a worthy charity to support, one that through its mission and outreach strives to serve the people of its parishes and serve them well and diligently. For me testimony to that, the wonderful support of non-church folk who not only come along, but who willingly help out at all our summer events. I always take heart that although not regular worshippers, they do appreciate and value the place of the church and it's work at the heart of our island communities. For some of the smaller congregations like Corrie, without such amazing assistance, quite simply, their summer fete could not have happened at all.

To all those who helped and supported our summer events throughout North Arran this year I would like to say a huge thank you, it is never taken for granted and it is hugely appreciated.

I would like to hope too that like me, you enjoyed them, all the concerts and fetes and auctions and sales of work, the home baking and the tablet and the cream teas and the games for the children, the book stalls and the bric-a-brac tables, not to mention the wonderful music, provided by first-class local talent. All were happy events with lots of smiling faces and I think our communities would be the poorer without them. They also provide something for the many visitors and their families to go to and enjoy each year, part and parcel of the Arran holiday experience. The fact that is so, proved by the number of familiar faces of returning holiday-makers I meet each July and August. If they didn't enjoy these things, then they wouldn't come back, but they do.

I'm sure too in my own mind that the Lord also took great pleasure in seeing all the joy and laughter and fun and people getting on with each other and pulling together to support the work of his church.

All this proves that the church can be about more than mere money making, that at its heart it is about providing joy, joy in living and joy in serving the Lord. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:31 'whatever you do, whether you eat or drink, do it all for God's glory. After all, doesn't the old catechism instruct us that 'the chief end of man (humankind) is to glorify God and to enjoy Him for ever'.

Angus

'Light up a Life'

For a number of years, in the Christmas season the fundraisers for the Ayrshire Hospice have held a concert in the Grand Hall Kilmarnock and in other places. There have been various groups and individuals of all ages taking part. This has been a big fundraiser for the Hospice in the past, a place that depends on donations from many sources to be able to run the Hospice and provide the various services that help and support families and individuals. This is not only a fundraising venture but a time for many folk to remember loved ones, friends and relatives that have passed away. Their 'Light up a Life' Christmas Concert this year, will be held on Sunday 25th November at 7.00pm in the Grand Hall, Kilmarnock.

The Christmas season is a busy time although within that there are many people who can be lonely or sad because they mourn the loss of a loved one, a relative, friend or neighbour. At Christmas time with all its joy and festivities, can be a difficult and painful time for many. Recognising this, many churches in Ayrshire have held '**Light up a Life**' services, a service of worship for those in the church and community so that those who have lost someone have the opportunity to come together in church and remember a loved one or a friend or someone else at that time of year.

This year for our North Arran Linkage and communities, there will be a '**Light up a Life Service**' in Brodick Church on the afternoon of Sunday the 9th December at 3.30pm. The service will consist of a few Hymns, Readings, Prayer and Reflection. There will also be an opportunity for those who would like to, to light a candle in memory of someone they have known. There will be a retiring offering which will be in aid of the Ayrshire Hospice. All are welcome to this service.

If you would like any more information on the 'Light up a Life' service to be held in Brodick Church please speak to me, Angus or any of the elders.

Every blessing
Jean Hunter.



ST. MOLIOS GUILD



St Molios Guild resumed its new session on 18 Sep. It was the start of a new triennium with a new theme – One Journey, Many Roads and for the first year we will be Seeking the Way.

The committee decided that if a speaker came from the mainland we would have a soup and sandwich lunch before the meeting instead of an afternoon tea

at the end. 20 ladies attended our first meeting which included ladies from Lamlash Guild, St Brides Ladies, our own members and some who had just come to hear the speaker! It was lovely to be able to share food and friendship with so many.

Val Brown, from Christian Aid was our speaker who came to talk about a Guild project which provided solar ovens for families in Bolivia. (This was a project from the previous triennium, but weather and boats had made it impossible for Val to give the talk last year!) It was great to hear how successful this project has been, thanks to the money Christian Aid received from the Guilds in Scotland. Christian Aid's three main strategies are to deal with Climate Change, Tax Justice and Gender Equality and this project covered two areas. Val said this had been one of the most successful projects they had done and women were now able to take part in decision making in their village now that they did not have to spend large amounts of time finding wood and cooking their meals. The Solar Ovens work very well with direct sun or closed overnight where it worked like a slow cooker.

When the women couldn't find enough wood they were forced to use gas which is expensive. Direct sun can heat things to boiling point from scratch but food had to be boiling before it worked as a slow cooker.



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To begin with 1 woman in 4 villages was given an oven, shown how it would work and how to maintain it, then left to work out their own recipes and instructions! It made us all appreciate how lucky women are in the UK. Our next meeting is on Tues Oct 16, again starting with a lunch, when the speaker will be talking about another Guild Project – CrossReach ‘Join up the Dots’ which will tackle the problem of loneliness and isolation in Scotland. This is a topic which affects men and women so all are welcome to join us on the One Journey, Many Roads as we Seek the Way. If you need more info or would like to speak to me on 860742 or leave a message.

Alison Burnett

More Guild News: Those of us who are members of a Guild branch are all automatically members of what until now has been called ‘Ardrossan Presbyterian Council’. Sometimes this has been difficult for individual members to feel connected with the Guild at large. Recently at the Conveners’

annual conference in Edinburgh when 50 people from all over Scotland met to discuss the future there was a big discussion on 'What's in a name?' The outcome was that it was passed at National Council that in future the name would be changed to '**Guilds Together**'. This was agreed by a large majority but of course will have to be accepted when the Guild presents its report to the 2019 General Assembly. Why change the name? Well Some Guilds and indeed some presbyteries were thinking that the Guild came under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery because of the name. Then some areas e.g. Hamilton and Glasgow have so many guild branches that they have two or more presbyterial councils and then sadly or rather amusingly some members thought someone had come to speak to them from The Council (i.e. local government!). Finally, it is thought that Guild Together may help us all in our various branches to connect with our sisters and brothers in the region.

With the above in mind can I encourage you to feel connected and consider attending the Big Sing of Guilds Together in New Wellwynd Church Airdrie during Guild Week on 23rd November at 2p.m. or if you don't feel like going so far afield what about Advent celebration at St. Cuthberts Church in Saltcoats at 2p.m. on Wednesday 5th December. Why not have a wee excursion and meet up with folk from other Guilds at 2p.m.

Helen Kerr, Guild National Council Representative



Social Quiz Night Twenty-five of us had an evening of fun, laughter and fellowship not forgetting a delicious supper

together on 13th September. Numbers were a bit disappointing and perhaps advertising or lack of it played a part in this.

Christingle Service will take place this year in Corrie Church on Thursday 29th November at 6.30 p.m. for the children with the service starting at 7p.m. Do think of joining together with the young people.

Carols at the Co-op Singing Christmas carols in the Co-op from 11a.m. – noon with friends from other churches and help people to remember the real reason of Christmas. All money gathered goes to the charity supported by the Coop.

Service for Christian Unity next year will be held in Brodick Church at 12 noon on Sunday 20th January 2019.

St Molios ACT rep.



News from Ardrossan Presbytery News The Rev Tanya Webster of Ardrossan Park Church was installed as the new Moderator of the Presbytery for Session 2018/19 at the September meeting. Moderators serve for one year. Please remember the Moderator in your prayers?

Presbytery Prayer Diary: I was asked why we pray for another congregation in Presbytery in our prayers for others on a Sunday as some folk were of the mind that something was wrong if we were praying for them. I explained before that the Mission Committee produced the Diary to enable congregations to focus on a named congregation, or a linkage, retired ministers and Readers on the Sunday dated in the diary and to pray for them. The idea is that those being prayed for would know that others were upholding them in prayer on that day.

Ardrossan Presbytery is twinned with Milala Presbytery in Malawi. It was good to have representatives from there visiting our Presbytery during the summer where a programme of visiting congregations, to Edinburgh to the Scottish Parliament, a meeting at the Guild office , a Ceilidh, a visit to Blantyre to the David Livingstone Memorial and other events had been scheduled for them. We were privileged to have them over here on Arran for a day where they visited the High School, had lunch in our Church Hall provided by the Guild, had a tour right round the island finishing up at Brodick Church Hall where they met some of the members of the churches here over a cup of tea. We were entertained by their lovely voices singing a hymn in their native language, they were a breath of fresh air. Hopefully we will continue to hear news of the

representatives that were here and also through individual churches who are twinned with congregations in Milala Presbytery. Hopefully we here will be twinned with one of the congregations in the future.

The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into being in May this year. Information went out from Presbytery to the churches to enable them to carry out an audit, appoint a Data Controller for their congregation in order to comply with the new regulations.

With the proposed reduction in ministries across the board of 20%, Presbyteries are being encouraged to share their views and ideas. To this end, an Ardrossan Prebytery Panning Conference was to be arranged for representatives of congregations to discuss and share ideas. This conference is open to any who want to attend, not just for Presbytery or Kirk Sessions. The Conference is scheduled for Saturday 9th February in West Kilbride Parish Church.

The Rev Sarah Nicol was inducted to the charge of Salcoats St Cuthberts on 1st August. With the Induction this still leaves four charges in the Presbytery vacant: Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate, Dalry St Margarets, Fairlie linked with Largs St Columbas and Kilbirnie Auld Kirk.

Mrs Liz Clarke was appointed as an Additional Elder to Presbytery in September and serves on the Ministries and Superintendence Committee.

Mrs Helen Kerr is now a Corresponding member of Presbytery as a Guild Representative and is on the Church and Society Committee.

Every blessing
Jean Hunter, Presbytery Elder and Presbytery Clerk

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**Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life"**

6th August     Alistair Calder Fotheringham of Shiskine

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Our Finances – How are we doing?
2017 Figures for Shiskine Church of Scotland

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
F.W.E.	3725	STIPEND	21424
GAE	5,891	TRAVEL	1469
S/O	6,719	CHURCH/MANSE	7208
PLATE	8,403	ELECTRICITY	1300
COFFEE	2,884	INSURANCE	2801
INTEREST	2,121		
SALE OF WORK	619		
GIFT AID	4738		
TOTAL	35100		34205

A summary of the main income and expenditure is shown as an example of a typical year in our church accounts. Our regular income comes from the freewill envelopes (FWE), amounts paid directly into our bank “Standing Order” (S/O) and what comes in through the plate. Paying directly through the bank is the best way as far as the church is concerned as the money is received whether you are able to attend church or not. What comes from the plate, gift aid envelopes (GAE) or freewill envelope is dependent on the person attending the church. We have a congregation of 60+ and our average attendance in church is 30 which includes visitors.

I would like to encourage the congregation to consider paying their offering through the bank. The church bank details are

Name of Account	Shiskine Church of Scotland
Sort Code	80-05-84
Account No	826640

If you need help to set this up or would like to ask more questions please contact me on 01770 860742 or speak to your elder. Coming to the coffee morning and/or supporting church events are other ways to support the church, socially as well as financially

The expenses are stable and have not changed in the last few years apart from the figs going up! It was not so long ago that St Molios was unable to meet its financial dues so we have done well to be standing on our own two feet now.

However we should not become complacent, it cannot be denied we are an older congregation so ideas of how to bring back all our members, especially younger ones, are most welcome. It is YOUR church! I look forward to hearing from you.

Alison Burnett Treasurer

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**A Lighter Moment!**      EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

Something we have all been awaiting

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute and then relax. Each day you will find you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your hands straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

Thank you to Elizabeth Clarke for this advice.

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**Find the following words** – Remember words can be going in any direction right, left diagonally down or upwards.

Joseph, John, inn, annunciation, Mary, waiting, angels, rejoice, goodnews, love, manger, Nazereth, Bethlehem, vision, star, joy, peace.



**Armistice Sunday** this year actually falls on the 11 November an extra special year. It is 100 years since the end of ‘the War to End All Wars’. We remember that at the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day, of the eleventh month in 1918 the agreement of armistice was signed in the forest of Compiègne.

Somewhere between 22,000,000 and 23,500,000 souls perished during that period and yet within 21 years of the end of ‘the War to End All Wars’ Europe was plunged into yet another bloody conflict.

As on every remembrance day we in Shiskine Valley will meet at midday at the war memorial to remember those who died in WW1 and in subsequent wars. We also remember during worship in church at 1215 that day.

On this special commemoration year, there has been a move nationally to take part in a number of ways together, according to feasibility and timing, and so through Arran Churches Together it was decided to ask members whose church has a bell to ring it out from 1905 – 1915.

You are invited to gather at church at 1900 when there will also be a piper. Please bring a torch.

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We shall remember them.  
**We shall remember them.***

## *Dates for the Diary*

- Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov      **National Time of Prayer** The General Assembly called for this day of prayer which, in the Presbytery of Ardrrossan will be held between 2-7p.m. in West Kilbride Parish Church.
- Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Nov      Arran North Parish Linkage **Joint Holy Communion Service** in Corrie Church at 11a.m. and **Thanksgiving Service** 7p.m. also in Corrie Church.
- Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Nov     **Armistice Day** 100 years since the end of WW1. Act of remembrance at Shiskine War Memorial at 12noon and at the church at 12.15 p.m.. **Special bellringing** at the church from 7.05 – 7.15p.m. Bring a torch.
- Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Dec      **Come to Church Sunday** Invite a friend. There will be a baptism and the celebration of all those who were baptised in our church and are on our cradle roll.
- Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> week    **The Guild** meets on 20<sup>th</sup> November - Guild Week Celebration  
Each month      Lunch at 1p.m. and at 2p.m. showing of the 2018 National Gathering. All welcome  
Also on 18<sup>th</sup> December and 15<sup>th</sup> January.
- Wednesday      31<sup>st</sup> October, 28<sup>st</sup> November and 30<sup>th</sup> January  
**Prayers for Health and Healing** at 12noon in Brodick church.
- Sun.16<sup>th</sup> Dec.     **Come to Church Sunday** will be celebrated with a baptism.  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday      **Taize worship** at 5.30 p.m. in Holy Cross Catholic except Dec.
- Each Month
- Thur.29<sup>th</sup> Nov    **ACT Christingle Service** in Corrie Church = children 6.30p.m. and service begins 7p.m.
- Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.    **ACT Carols at the Coop.** 11-12noon. Come and join in.
- Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> Jan     **Christian Unity Service** in Brodick Church at 12 noon.



## **Flower Fellowship**

*November Mrs Pat Adams*

*December Flower Team*

*January Mrs Jerry Arthur*

***Thanks to those who make our church even more beautiful.***

To participate in the flower rota or donate please contact Gerry Arthur

*Some Useful Contacts  
In St. Molios Church in the Parish of North Arran*

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