

# ST. MOLIOS CHURCH

## MAGAZINE



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## Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down Life's highway a long time ago.  
One day I saw a sign that said *"Heaven's Grocery Store"*  
As I got a little closer the door came open wide,  
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.

I saw a host of ANGELS. They were standing everywhere.  
One handed me a basket and said, "My child shop with care".  
Everything a Christian needed was in the Grocery Store,  
And all you couldn't carry, you could come back the next day for more.

Firstly, I got some PATIENCE, LOVE was in the same row.  
Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that wherever you go.  
I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH.  
I couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST for it was all over the place.

I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race.  
By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered some GRACE.  
I didn't forget SALVATION for SALVATION it is free.  
So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill,  
For I thought I had everything to do my MASTER'S will.  
As I went up the isle I saw PRAYER and just had to put it in  
For I know when it's tough outside I would run right into sin.

PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf,  
SONG and PRAISES were hanging near and so I helped myself.  
Then I said to the ANGEL, "How much do I owe?"  
He just smiled and said, "Just take them wherever you go."

Again I said, "How much do I really owe?"  
He smiled again and said, "My child JESUS paid your BILL a LONG,  
LONG time ago! " .....

(Author unknown submitted by Jean Hunter)

Brodict Manse  
November 2016



Dear Folks,

### **'Food Matters'**

It is almost five years since the Arran Churches Together Food Bank was established in response to the knowledge that an Arran family had gone hungry over Christmas time. Yet for many still on this island, it is almost inconceivable that anyone in these modern times should know hunger. The fact is, but for the Food Bank, that would be the reality for many and it continues to support people all the year round. Ordinarily we collect more food than we need and previously much of the surplus was sent over to Ardeer, Stevenston, an area of huge deprivation. However, that did not please some people, who objected that had they known the food they donated at church was going off island, they wouldn't have given to it. As a consequence, I came in for some pretty nasty criticism from some church quarters. At the time, besides being a little hurt and pretty angry, I was astounded that any Christian could think in such a way.

Once asked by a religious expert – someone who should have known better – “Who is my neighbour?”, 'Jesus answered, “There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead.”' So runs the opening preamble to the well-known Parable of the Good Samaritan, who stops and goes to the aid of the poor traveller in need, after the priest and the Levite have chosen to 'pass by on the other side'.

For me anyone who is in need, near or far, is my neighbour and I'm happy to say with the support of the majority of others on the Arran Churches Together committee, the supply of food to our 'near neighbours' in need across the water in North Ayrshire continued. The most recent batch of supplies was sent over in July to help a great many parents to feed school aged youngsters at home during the summer holidays and thus without recourse to a school meal. We were only enabled to do this once again, thanks to D.S Bannatyne and

Arran Transport who continue to transport the food to the mainland without charge, for which we are enormously grateful.

However all that said, for the first time, during the period between October and February last winter, we had a job to keep up with demand made on the Food Bank locally here on Arran. This need tailed off around Easter time and we think that this was because seasonal related work then became possible for those who had relied on food bank assistance to get them through winter time. In my experience no one asks for help from the Food Bank when they can afford to do otherwise. It illustrates too, that contrary to misguided opinion, very often it is people who are in work, or very willing to work, who find themselves in the terrible position of not being able to feed their own families.

Another possible explanation for this tail off in demand at Easter, is that some families had to chose between staying warm and eating and quite simply the need to find money for heating wasn't as great once the worst of the winter was over. Thanks to funds that we hold from donations, we will also be able to disburse coal/ logs and electricity tokens to many families once more this winter as we did last December/January, hopefully ensuring no one freezes over the festive period, or has to choose between staying warm or eating.

In response to our Food Bank appeal at Harvest Thanksgiving in our various churches, we are now hopefully ready to meet any demand that might arise over the long winter months to come. In this regard we are also hugely grateful to Helen Nelson our foodbank coordinator and to Matthew Johnson who assists her in the foodbank distribution from our new base at Brodick Church. Previously thanks to the kindness of Vivienne Haigh, the Food Bank had operated out of the garage at the rear of her home at 'Thornlea', Lamlash. The change of location is due to Vivienne having recently sold 'Thornlea'. All the above, along with D.S. Bannatyne truly our local 'Good Samaritans'.

And so to return to the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus concludes it with these words: "In your opinion which one of these three acted like a neighbour towards the man attacked by the robbers?"

The teacher of the Law answered, "The one who was kind to him." Jesus replied, "Go then, and do likewise".

Anyone wishing to make donations of either food or money for the ACTS Food Bank can do so at church on a Sunday morning, or by contacting me directly. I guarantee your contributions will certainly make a difference to some of your 'neighbours' in need, near or far.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Angus', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

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### **South American Adventure (Part 3)**

*'Lord, you have been our dwelling-place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God'*

In Part 2 of the adventure I closed by describing our journey rounding Cape Horn with its unique rock formations. From there we cruised up the coast of Chile heading to the Chilean Fjords. On reaching the area we cruised through Tierra del Fuego and saw the snow capped peaks of the Andes mountain range in the distance. We entered into the Fijords, Passo Shoal then Passo Summer where at its shallowist point there was only 1.4 metres below the keel. As we sailed slowly up the fjord with the mountains steep and rugged on either side, I had a walk round the outside deck of the ship as we sailed and I was told if you went one and a half times around the ship that was one mile.

We headed for the Sarmiento Canal where the captain told us to look out for the largest colony of sea lions in South America. When we entered the canal the captain told us to look to the left. However I think the sea lions were on holiday because all we saw were two of them basking on the rock. The blue and greens of the sea though showcased the silvery ice of the immense glaciers of these majestic Chilean Fjords. We sailed on up the channel to see the Brujo Glacier it

was an awesome sight. We were told that it is moving forward 1 metre a day. We saw the ice falling off the glacier but didn't hear it calving. The ice went sailing past the ship in big chunks and on down the channel. The ship turned and cruised back down the channel and eventually into the Pacific Ocean.

Our next destination was to sail to the Chilean Lake District, a region with more than its fair share of spectacular natural beauty. We disembarked in Puerto Montt and headed on our tour to the 'Petrohue Cascades' and 'The City of Roses'. We travelled to the Petrohue River and towards Vicente Perez Rasales National Park where there was a series of waterfalls cascading over the hard volcanic rocks. The scene was lovely but you can see similar waterfalls here on Arran although at the time I had to remind myself I was at the other side of the world. As I walked along the path there was a breathtaking view of the Osorno Volcano the snow capped top of which looked as if it was sitting on top of a cloud. We then headed to Puerto Varas – the City of Roses, called so because there are roses growing everywhere, they were lovely though. On the bus we headed back to the ship along Lake Llanquihue, one of Chile's largest lakes.

After another day at sea we arrived in Valparaiso and disembarked the Zaandam for the final time. We boarded the bus which took us to Santiago for a night in a hotel. Santiago is a city of over six million people. It is surrounded by part of the Andes mountain range. We went on a walking tour around a small part of the city. Some of the roads are closed off on a Sunday to encourage the people to take exercise – cycling, jogging or walking, hence our walking tour. We then went on the Funicular railway which took us up to the top of San Cristobel hill where from the top, the panoramic view of the city was spectacular.

Before going on to the hotel there was time for some shopping and to find a place for a meal.

After breakfast at our hotel the next morning it was time to head for the airport and our flight home via Paris, London and finally landing in Glasgow, then of course the ferry back home to Arran.

Elizabeth and I certainly had an amazing South American adventure

from Buenos Aires to the Falkland Islands, the Strait of Magellan and the Magdalena penguins, Cape Horn, the Chilean Fjords, Santiago and all places inbetween. We had visited some amazing places and saw some awesome scenery on the way, all part of God's creation. This was an adventure I will not forget in a hurry.

Jean Hunter

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### Some Very Welcome Friends



Some churches have a congregational weekend away, in fact in the past St Molios have done this. On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September we were delighted to welcome 41 members of Park church Ardrossan who had decided to stay nearer home this year and cross the wee stretch of water to Arran. Staying at the Kinloch they boarded their bus

and came up to join us at worship. As Jean said in her welcome 'It is something to have a bus load coming to church'. The singing almost took the roof off and we all enjoyed meeting with them for a cuppa after the service even if we had to tuck our elbows in well!

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### Guild News

Following the dedication of the Guild at worship on Sunday service on 11<sup>th</sup> September the Guild's first meeting of the session was on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September when we welcomed three friends from our link guild in Bridgeton. Our speaker was Rev Ben van Rensberg of Shiskine Free Church



who spoke on our theme 'Go in Joy'. There were eighteen of us all together and it was a real pleasure to welcome local friends too.



On 18<sup>th</sup> October Graeme Johnston of Arran Youth Foundations gave an illustrated presentation of the development of the work with young people on Arran. It was informative and several folk commented that although they knew about AYF they had little idea about the scope of the work.

*Here are some of us with Graeme*

November is the month when we celebrate **Guild Week**. This year the meeting is in St Molios when friends and Guild members around the island will have lunch together then view and sing along with the National Gathering. We do hope to have a great turn out and you are invited for lunch at 1p.m. on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Come and see what the Guild is. The speakers are the Moderator of the Church of Scotland and Sally Magnussen the broadcaster speaking about 'Where Memories Go' and her organisation 'Play List for Life'.

On 20<sup>th</sup> December we have a Christmas Special and in January we welcome Pirnmill Guild when they will lead us in what will be a surprise.

All our meetings are open to everyone – men and women and you are very welcome.

Helen Kerr, Secretary





### **Summer Social Quiz Night**

On 8<sup>th</sup> September 32 from most of the island churches and friends gathered to tax

the little grey cells, enjoy each other's company and a very tasty finger supper. It was generally agreed that the questions were not so taxing as last year and three of the teams managed just over half marks. If there was a score for laughs then percentages were much higher.

The next joint ACT gathering is the **annual Christingle service** to be held in Shiskine Free Church on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7p.m. with the children meeting from 6.30 to make their Christingles. This service is for all, not just the children and marks the beginning of Advent Season, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November being the first Sunday of Advent.

**Christian Unity Service** will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 when the preacher will be Rev. Leslie Edge, Chaplain to the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. We hope we can all worship together in Lamlash church at 12 noon.

Helen Kerr ACT Representative

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### **Women in Black - Lest We Forget**

On the last Saturday of every month between 1 and 2p.m. a few "Women in Black" hold a silent vigil opposite the Douglas Hotel at the beginning of the Arran Walk-a-Way.

They meet as part of a worldwide network of women committed to peace with justice in our world. They meet in silence to remember ALL the forgotten victims of war, civilians and soldiers killed in war situations not of their making. They meet to demonstrate against war

and hate, to state that violence breeds violence and that peace with justice for everyone is the way.

Women in Black was started by Israeli and Palestinian women protesting against the actions of the Israeli Army. Vigils are held around the world, including Edinburgh and Inverness and now on Arran.

Women of any or no political or religious view and who can relate to these aspirations are warmly invited, to gather as above on the last Saturday of each month. Please wear black and if desired bring a placard to state your conviction. The support of our men is also welcome.

Contact: Isla 302214 or Jennifer 700747

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**Church Maintenance and Repairs**



For months now our hall, kitchen and toilet have required much attention and repairs. In spite of Alan Burnett, our property convener being off the island quite frequently, he spends much of his time on Arran working to keep up with all that needs attention. Recently he has been assisted by Jim

Wilkinson as they ripped up the toilet floor and laid concrete. It seems like the Forth Bridge – no sooner has one task been attended to another repair is required. We are very grateful for all the time and energy Alan gives to keep on top of all the tasks.

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**A job advert in an employment agency**

WANTED: EJECTION SEAT TESTER  
INVOLVES A SMALL AMOUNT OF TRAVELLING



## **The Big Bustling, Noisy City – Life in Cairo**

Colin Johnston Mission Partner in Cairo

(An Extract from World Mission Council Magazine)

Egypt! Its name may conjure up romantic images of cruising down the Nile but nowadays it is more likely to speak of demonstrations and planes falling from the skies. Yet to me as a mission partner arriving in Cairo in May this year, it is a crazy, exciting land, a mixture of the ancient and modern, of sophistication and extreme poverty, of the Middle East and Africa all coming together. The call to prayer from the minaret and the need to dodge people praying on their mats on the pavements testify that this is an Islamic country. Yet Egypt has a long Christian tradition, stretching back to the beginnings of Christianity. This is where monasticism began and where, in Alexandria, the Early Church had one of its major centres. Today over 10% of the population are Christian,

I am here working with the Synod of the Nile (also called the Evangelical Presbyterian Church), which is the biggest Protestant church, and which has a big impact spiritually and in social development. I am amazed at the scope of the work done by the Church, such as combatting female circumcision (FGM) which is still practised by many Christians as well as Muslims in rural areas, and raising awareness of gender based violence. Workshops are held and excellent and very professional videos are produced.

The ETSC (Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo), where I am based, has over 300 students, 36 of whom are studying for the ordained ministry. Recent graduates have gone to minister in places like Gaza and Basra in Iraq, though most remain in Egypt. It is wonderful to be involved with the students but my main role is to communicate what is going on at the seminary to our friends internationally and to welcome the many visitors to the Seminary.....

..... Cairo is a big bustling noisy city but it gets under your skin. I am looking forward to building up more relationships in the years ahead. Oh and after almost four months in Cairo I eventually got round to visiting the pyramids. They looked exactly the same as when I first saw them 35 years ago – only fewer tourists this time!

(You can read the whole of Colin's article in the WORLD MISSION magazine in the church hall.)

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## EASY GIVING

An easy and painless opportunity to supplement your giving to the church has been provided by the Co-op. Their recent promotion involving their products allows you to allocate a portion of their value to your selected charity and another portion to local charities. As we are all virtually captive customers as a congregation we must spend a considerable amount there annually and were we to give in this way it wouldn't be noticed (or would it?). So why not claim your money for Shiskine Church?!

John Kerr

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**Baptism**  
***'Suffer the Children to come unto Me'***

*On 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016 Maisie Jessica, daughter of Jamie and Kirsten Picken*

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**Weddings**  
***'Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder'***

*On 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016 Alexander Judge and Rona Walker*

*On 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 Catriona Gray and James Toogood*

*On 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016 Genevieve Pilgreen and Niall McMaster*

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**Funerals**  
  
***Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'***

*14<sup>th</sup> September John Eaglesham of Kinloch Court*

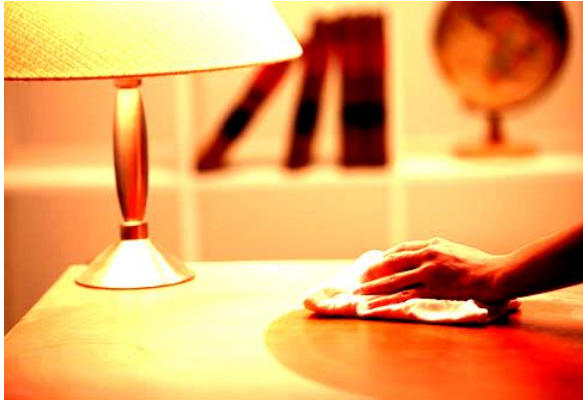
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**Amusing Errors of Syntax and Punctuation**  
From 'The World Stupidest Signs'

1 Outside a second-hand shop

**WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING  
BYCYCLES, WASHING MACHINES ETC  
WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG  
AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?**

2 In a safari park

**ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR**



## **DUST IF YOU MUST**

by Rose Milligan

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better  
To paint a picture, or write a letter,  
Bake a cake, or plant a seed;  
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,  
With rivers to swim, and mountains to climb;  
Music to hear, and books to read;  
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there  
With the sun in your eyes, and the wind in your hair;  
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,  
This day will not come around again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
Old age will come and it's not kind.  
And when you go (and go you must)  
You, yourself, will make more dust.

## *Dates for the Diary*

|                 |                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun 30 Oct      | Harvest Thanksgiving 12 noon followed by lunch in the hall hosted by the Guild.                                                       |
| Sun 06 Nov      | <b>Joint Holy Communion</b> Lochranza village. hall 11a.m followed by lunch and social                                                |
|                 | <b>Thanksgiving</b> in Corrie church at 7 p.m.                                                                                        |
| Sun 27 Nov      | Come to Church Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. in Advent 12 noon                                                                          |
| Wed. 26 Oct     | Prayers for Health and Healing Brodick at 12 noon                                                                                     |
| Thur. 24 Nov    | Prayers for Health and Healing Shiskine at 12 noon                                                                                    |
| Wed. 25 Jan     | Prayers for Health and Healing Brodick at 12 noon                                                                                     |
| None in Dec.    |                                                                                                                                       |
| Thur. 1 Dec     | Christingle service in Shiskine Free Church at 7p.m. children attend from 6:30 to make their Christingles. All are invited to attend. |
| Tues. 15 Nov.   | Guild week invitation to all friends for lunch at 1p.m. followed by the video of the National Gathering in Dundee.                    |
| Tues 20 Dec.    | Guild Christmas special 2p.m.                                                                                                         |
| Sat. 17 Dec     | ACT Carol Singing at the Coop 11-12noon                                                                                               |
| Sat. 24 Dec     | Christmas Eve at St Molios 11:30 p.m.                                                                                                 |
| First Thu Nov   | Taize Worship in St Molios at 7.30p.m.                                                                                                |
| No meet Dec/Jan |                                                                                                                                       |
| Thursdays       | Coffee morning in the church hall 10.30 - noon                                                                                        |

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### **Flower Fellowship**

Nov	Mrs Pat Adamson
Dec	Flower Fellowship
Jan	Mrs. Gerry Arthur



**Thank you for making our church even more beautiful**

# *St Molios Church in the Parish of North Arran*

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