

Ardrossan & Saltcoats

Kirkgate Messenger

PARISH CHURCH

Chapelwell Street
Saltcoats, KA21 5EB

June 2026



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www.kirkgatechurch.org.uk

Message from our Minister

Dear Kirkgate Family,
As we move into this new season together, perhaps the question for us is not: ***"What do we lack?"*** But rather: ***"What do we already have that we have not yet offered?"***

What gifts sit quietly unused? What acts of kindness remain undone because they seem too small? What step of faith have we delayed, waiting for a better moment?

Recently, I found myself feeling overwhelmed. There are seasons in ministry and in life, when the weight of what lies ahead feels enormous. Books to read, articles to write, responsibilities to carry. I shared this honestly with my family, naming that I was struggling even to begin.

And then, in that beautifully disarming way that only a child can, young Dylan spoke up: ***"Dad, just change your brain."*** I paused, slightly amused, slightly puzzled, and asked him what he meant. Without hesitation he said, ***"Get rid of your bad brain and put on the right one."*** Simple and direct. And yet, profoundly true. Because how often do we live, serve, and even worship out of the wrong mindset? A mindset that tells us: It's too much. I don't have enough. I'm not ready. Someone else will do it better.

What if the invitation of faith is, in part, exactly what Dylan described? To lay down the "bad brain" the thinking shaped by fear, comparison, and insufficiency and to take up a renewed mind shaped by trust in God.

This brings us to that quiet, easily overlooked figure in Scripture, the boy with the loaves and fish. In a moment of great need, surrounded by thousands, he didn't have much. Just five loaves and two fish. Not enough to feed the crowd. Barely enough for himself. And yet, he gave it. He didn't wait for more. He didn't dismiss what he had as insignificant. He didn't assume it wouldn't matter.

He simply placed what was in his hands into the hands of Jesus. And that made all the difference. The miracle, as we know, was not in the size of the offering, but in whose hands it was placed. And this is where the story meets us, right here at Kirkgate. Because most of what God calls us to offer doesn't feel spectacular. It looks like everyday life: A conversation after worship where you choose to truly listen. A quiet act of service that no one else notices. Showing up when it would be easier to stay away. A prayer whispered in the middle of an ordinary day.

A skill you carry that you've never quite offered to God's work. These things can feel small. But in the hands of Christ, small things become part of something much greater.



Think about it. A simple tray of home baking at a church gathering becomes more than food, it becomes welcome. It creates space for conversation, belonging, and connection. A brief, sincere question, "How are you really?", can become the turning point in someone's week. Five loaves. Two fish. Ordinary things. Offered in faith.

Perhaps what holds us back is not lack, but mindset. We keep waiting until we have more: more time, more confidence, more certainty. But what if, instead, we listened to the wisdom of a child? What if we changed our thinking? What if we stopped saying, "It's not enough," and started trusting, "God can use this."

So here is the gentle challenge for us as a church family this June: What if each of us brought something? Not everything. Not perfection. Just something. Your presence. Your kindness. Your time. Your gift. Your willingness. And placed it, however small it seems, into the hands of Jesus.

Imagine what God might do among us if we lived like that. Imagine the quiet multiplication, not always seen, not always dramatic, but deeply real. Lives touched. Hearts encouraged. Faith strengthened. Community deepened. Because somewhere along the way, someone will be fed, not just physically, but spiritually, relationally, and personally - through what you chose to offer.

So, Kirkgate family: Bring your loaves. Bring your fish. Bring your everyday, ordinary life.

And perhaps, just perhaps, begin by *"changing your brain"*, laying down what tells you it's not enough, and trusting that in Christ's hands, it always is.



God bless you.
Nigel Chikanya.

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Message from Rev Katrona Templeton, OLM



Dear friends,

As summer arrives and the days stretch long, I hope you find moments of rest, light, and simple joy. Whether you're travelling, spending time with family, or enjoying a quiet cuppa at home, may this season bring you a sense of God's gentle presence.

Summer in Scotland is full of surprises — sunshine, showers, and everything in between — yet each day reminds us of God's steady faithfulness. Even small things can speak grace to us: birdsong in the morning, children playing outdoors, the warmth of a friendly chat, or the beauty of an evening sky over Ayrshire.

Please remember those in our church family who continue to carry caring responsibilities, face health concerns, or work that doesn't pause for the holidays. Hold them in prayer, and if you can, offer a word of kindness or support.

Wherever these months take you, know that you are part of a community that cares for you. You are loved by God, and you belong here.

Wishing you peace, refreshment, and blessing throughout the summer.

With warmest greetings,
Rev. Katrona

Sunday School

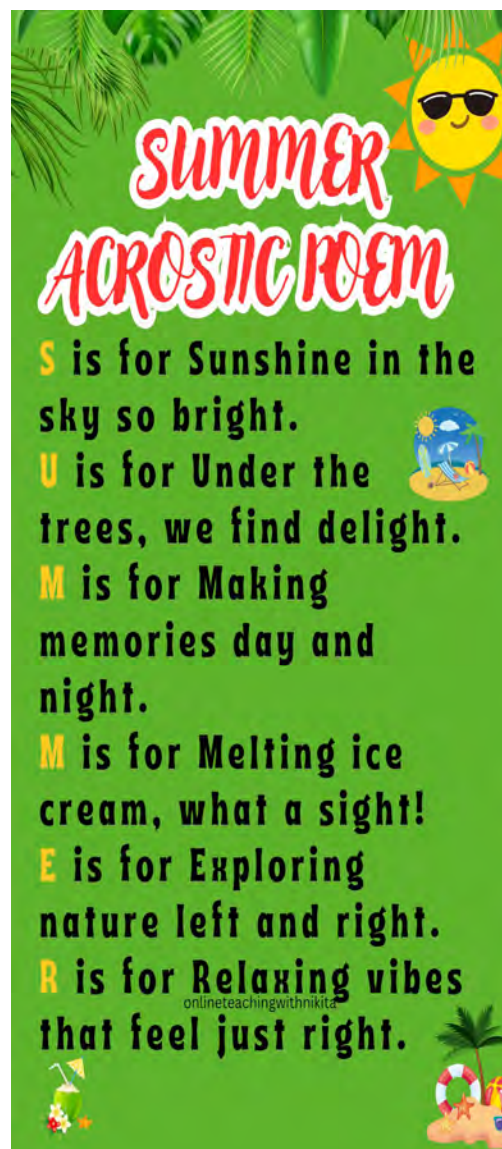
Congratulations to Lyla as she finished her Primary status on a high, earning her first-ever first place before moving into beginners at the Fitzpatrick School of Highland Dance.

Lyla also has a YouTube channel where she shares her adventures playing with her Barbies and her parrot called Ivy. We would love for our church community to support her, please consider subscribing.

<https://www.youtube.com/@lylaivydolls>

We will be having our prize giving day on Sunday 21st of June.

A creche will operate throughout the summer months while the Sunday School takes a break and we will resume on 30th August



Kirkgate Pastoral Care



The Church is wherever God's people are seeking to reach out and touch folk wherever they are.....

The Pastoral Care Team continue to quietly work in the background serving the community. Please keep them in your prayers as they do God's work.

As indicated in the May magazine work has started to organise a training day in September. This training session, covering listening skills in a mental health setting, has been arranged to take place on Monday 14th September. This is open to anyone in the congregation who wants to attend. Can those attending please arrive by 10.30am for light refreshments and a prompt 11.00am start. Aiming to finish by 1pm.

Again, if you are friendly with someone who would benefit from a visit, please ask if they would like to be added to our 'care list' and let us know.

Please remember to let the Pastoral Care Team know of anybody who is not well. We'd rather hear twice or three times than not at all.

Susan Gill

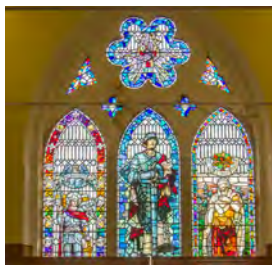
Legacy Giving 'Lasting Generosity'

As I am sure you are aware many charities receive a large percentage of their overall funding through gifts in wills.

I am fully aware that for some people this is quite a sensitive issue so I am simply bringing it to your attention.

The Church have produced a leaflet entitled 'Lasting Generosity' which I would be happy to obtain for you if you are interested or you could email stewardship@churchofscotland.org.uk for further details.

John Stewart, Treasurer



Prayer Shawl Ministry



If anybody is interested in starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry, or would like a shawl to give to somebody, please speak to me on a Sunday morning or phone 07884 957 389 or email

gillsusan529@gmail.com

Susan Gill

PASTORAL CARE CONTACTS

The Pastoral Team are working very hard behind the scenes. Please keep the team up-to-date with information about people who need pastoral care or support at this difficult time for everyone. Please don't assume they already know - they would rather hear several times over than not at all.

The main contacts for Pastoral Care are:

Mrs Susan Gill, (07884 957389)

Mrs Ruth McMartin (01294 602942)

Mrs Evelyn Green (07737 225943)

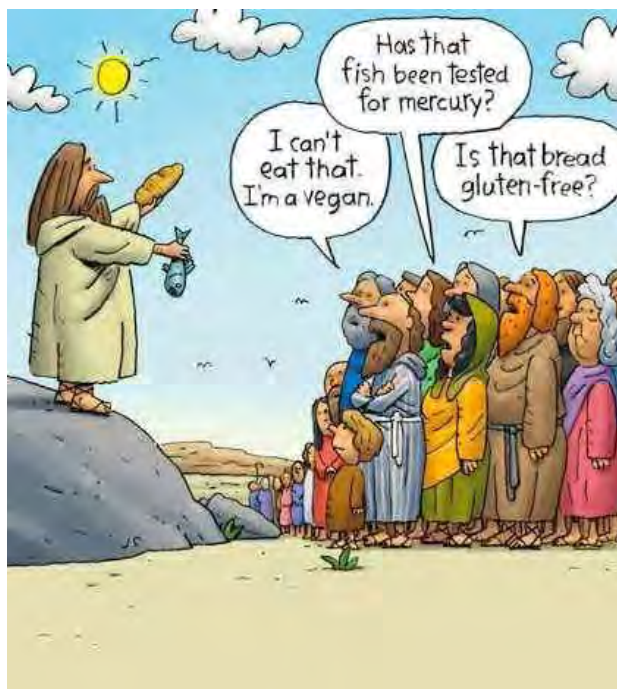
Mrs Moira Cooper, (01294 468851)

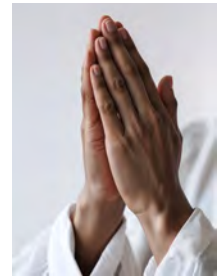
Mrs Jean Hay, (01294 469986) and

Mrs Jennifer Fox (01294 465947).

For flower recipients please contact co-ordinator:

Mrs Morag Forsyth (01294 463762)





THOSE WHO SEEK OR RESIST TRUTH

Lord Jesus Christ the Way, the Truth and Life, we pray today for those who seek truth – truth about themselves, about others, about this world we live in, about you.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

We pray for those who study and research into the workings of our universe, the deep mysteries of life, the complexities of this world, the mechanics of science. Give them insight and humility, patience and understanding.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for those in the mass media – journalists, reporters, photographers, cameramen, editors of news bulletins and newspapers, presenters and programme-makers, authors and script-writers - all those who in different ways have the power to shape public opinion. Give them honesty and integrity, courage and perception.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for theologians and individual Christians, seeking to understand more about the reality of God and to communicate this to others, responsible for leading others to a greater knowledge of your love. Give them vision and dedication, vision and open-mindedness

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

We pray for those who cannot face the truth, who find it too challenging, too depressing. Give them courage and help. We pray for those who deny the truth, twisting and distorting it and leading others astray. Give them honesty to recognise their mistakes. We pray for those who work to help people to come to terms with truth. Give them compassion and understanding and inspiration.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer, for in your name we ask it

AMEN

Quotes

Let there be many windows in your soul, that all the glory of the universe may beautify it.

So many gods, so many creeds, so many paths that wind and wind while just the art of being kind is all the sad world needs.

With every deed you are sowing a seed, though the harvest you may not see.

For here lies the pleasure of living: In taking God's bounties, and giving The gifts back again.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

From the Editor

A huge word of thanks to Alison Buick, who for many years has contributed the Prayer Page for the magazine. Alison has decided it is time to 'hang up her boots' as they say after doing a wonderful job of sharing many lovely prayers, observations and quotes. We send her every blessing to enjoy a well earned retirement.

If you would like the Prayer Page to continue then please if you have the time to commit to a monthly article do get in touch.

Since we now take a break from printing in July and August, can I ask you please to retain this magazine for reference to any dates and events occurring over the summer.

Articles for the September magazine to be in by Sunday 30th August at the latest please.



Please note my new email address and feel free to email us at elizabethsaltcoats@gmail.com or stuart@md93.co.uk or send us a written copy if you don't use a computer.

Whether staying at home or travelling far and wide we wish you a happy, hopefully, warm sunny days doing what you enjoy most.

Elizabeth McMahon, Editor

Getting to Know our Members: John S. Baxter

LIFE IS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE

For many in our congregation, John S. Baxter is a familiar and friendly face, but his story begins in the rural landscapes of Cumnock, East Ayrshire. Known simply as John to his friends, his early years were spent in the fresh air of the countryside.

As a boy, he famously walked or cycled a mile to school in Stevenston each day, though his favourite way to travel was on the pony his parents, John and Jean, bought for him. John's youth was also defined by his time in the Ardeer Church Boys' Brigade, where his competitive spirit helped his football team win their league. Though he claims he wasn't "very academic" during his time at Stevenston Higher Grade School, his love for English and reading flourished, this is a passion that remains with him today.

Following the example of his hardworking parents, John's career has been as varied as it has been industrious. He began his working life polishing horn at Dykehead Horn Craft, which was situated near the Eglinton Roundabout before it was built. He moved through various other roles in warehousing, gardening, and a paper mill, even owning and driving his own ice cream van. Eventually, he found his niche in the jewellery trade, successfully owning and operating Baxters Jewellers on Dockhead Street for many years.

Family remains the cornerstone of John's life. He speaks with immense pride of his three children, Emma, Johanna, and Johnathan. He expresses the joy of watching them mature into adulthood. That pride now extends to a new generation; his eldest grandson, Adam, is currently serving an apprenticeship as an aircraft engineer, the other grandchildren are Ross who attends Marr College in Troon and Olivia who attends Auchenhavrie Academy and she is a talented gymnast.

John's faith journey is one of both tradition and deep intellectual curiosity. Raised in a christian home, he eventually joined the Stevenston High Kirk in his teens went on to become an Elder at Landsborough and Trinity Church, Saltcoats from 1982. Following the Landsborough/Trinity union with Erskine Church, which became New Trinity Church, John found his "anchor" here in our current congregation of Kirkgate.



For John, science explains how the world works, but faith explains why. He views the example of Jesus as the "gold standard" for a fulfilling life. This is reflected in his favourite scripture: **"A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you." (John 13:34-35)** When it comes to praise, the stirring notes of "Thine Be the Glory" are always a highlight for him.

Outside of church, John is a man of many interests. An avid traveller, he is particularly fond of Tavira in Portugal's Algarve region. However, his most impressive feat might come as a surprise to some: in a single month back in 2010, John climbed the three highest mountains in Great Britain, namely Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Yr Wyddfa (Mount Snowdon) and he also walked the entire West Highland Way!

John has now booked his train ticket to Penzance, and starts his cycle from Land's End to John O' Groats in aid of 'Tearfund' on either 11th or 12th June and hoping to do about 30 miles a day up the East Coast route. He has set up a Justgiving fundraising page here for online donations: [tinyurl.com/mshuaxw4](https://www.justgiving.com/mshuaxw4) and sponsor forms will also be available in the hallway.

Whether he is enjoying a cup of tea, reading a Bill Bryson book, or watching the football, John approaches life with gratitude. His advice to the younger generation is simple yet profound: **"pursue your dreams, don't be put off, and always help those less fortunate."** Describing his life so far as a "wonderful adventure," John hopes to be remembered as a man who tried to learn from his mistakes and did his best for his family and community. We are certainly blessed to have him as part of our church family.

We all send you every blessing for a safe and successful journey and we look forward to having you back amongst us here in Kirkgate after your adventure.



Treasurer's Report

Balances – as at 22 May 2026 were as follows:

General Account – £23,836

Fabric Account – £10,136

The amount collected by standing order, cheques and plate collection for the period of April was as follows:

Standing Orders – £3,854

Plate – £2,026 Average – £506

The Quiz Night was a great success, raising £493 – many thanks to all who contributed and especially to the Fund Raising Committee.

At the time of printing our collection for Christian Aid stands at £918 (last year £854) – this is a fantastic total yet again and will help to fund some of the marvellous work done by Christian Aid in poorer parts of the world.

Expenditure on Fabric recently has been fairly normal after the larger expenditure on the kitchen. £700 was spent trying to improve the efficiency of the heating in the large hall and £400 on a variety of small jobs throughout the church itself. A significant part of our spending is on the regular maintenance/servicing of existing equipment – heating, electrics, fire extinguishers etc. The Kirk Session have decided that the retiring collection at the July Communion will be for the Fabric Fund.

It has been very gratifying to see a number of new faces in the church recently – if any of our new people would like details of giving via envelope or Standing Order please speak to me, either at church or via 07561 340886. Giving cash via the plate is, of course, very welcome but we do miss out on the benefit of Gift Aid. To gain the financial benefits of Gift Aid it is necessary for givers to use envelopes or Standing Order – we have to be able to prove the giving, if required.

Thank you - John Stewart, Treasurer

Used Stamps

MARIE CURIE – STAMPS ETC: As I mentioned in previous magazines the Church of Scotland no longer accept used stamps – as a result I have started sending the stamps to Marie Curie. I have received a very nice thank you letter from them for the package of stamps I sent them recently. They also point out that they would welcome a variety of other donations:



Gadgets – phones, iPods, satnavs, games, tablets, cameras – any kind of tech!

Jewellery – gold, silver, costume, watches – broken items or odd earrings

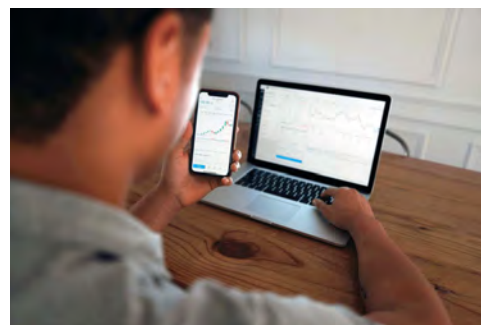
Unwanted/Old currency – any kind

Stamps – loose or collections, albums

If you would like to donate any of these items I would be happy to gather them together and send them off to Marie Curie.

I will put the letter on the noticeboard if you want further details.

Many thanks, John Stewart



Recycling Old Specs

Urquhart's Opticians across from the church are happy to recycle old spectacles. **Sorry, but they cannot recycle the cases only the spectacles.**



A box will once again be available for you to drop them off and Sandra or Eleanor will uplift them every so often and take them to Urquhart's or just drop them into the shop yourself.
Ed.



Blythswood Shoebox Appeal 2026



Preparations are already underway for this year's appeal. Thank you for supplying boxes for covering. Please keep bringing them. We now have sufficient donations of Christmas paper. If you are covering boxes at home for use please tell me approx how many you have.

When shopping keep looking for any bargains - any area, socks, toys, toiletries etc.

Happy shopping.

Maureen Hunter



**Bring warmth, joy and hope
this Christmas.**

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)



Our Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Debt Centre is in its 6th year and we provide face to face personal debt advice to people in the Kilmarnock, Irvine and Three Towns area who are struggling under the burden of debt. (See our Facebook Page - [CAP Irvine & Three Towns Debt Centre](#) or our national website [CAPUK.ORG](#) for more background).

With the impending increase in food prices, demand for our service is likely to increase. We are searching for another dedicated Christian volunteer to join our team as a debt coach. Our volunteers are professional Christian people who have recently retired and who want to use their skills to provide others in our area with a hand up in life.

Here are some of the words that our existing team of debt coaches used to describe the role of debt coach - *Rewarding, Frustrating, Energising, Challenging.*

We have noted below a description of the role to give you a better idea of what is involved.

If you feel you are being called to serve the Lord in this way please get in touch with Alan McLaren to set up an informal chat to find out more.

About the Role

United Irvine Church of Scotland is partnering with Christians Against Poverty (CAP) to bring hope and life-transforming debt relief to the Irvine community. We are seeking a compassionate, motivated individual to join us as a CAP Debt Coach. You will support clients on their journey out of debt, offering practical help and emotional support right in their homes.

Key Responsibilities

Visit clients in their homes to gather financial information.
Deliver CAP's debt advice directly to the clients.
Offer emotional and pastoral support to everyone you visit.
Support clients until they become completely debt-free.

Alan McLaren

Christians Against Poverty

Debt Coach & Community Links Coordinator

alanmclaren@capuk.org

Mobile: 07717 645804

Working Days: Monday to Wednesday



Argyle Community Shop

Numbers attending the Shop have been falling recently and we are not sure why this is. We would encourage anyone who feels they could benefit from this valuable resource to come and sign up for membership.



It is free to become a member and then shopping costs £4 for singles or couples and £5 for families. For this you can choose around £10-£15 of provisions.

The downside of dwindling attendance is that our funding will be cut. Please encourage friends and neighbours to consider membership which is beneficial to both them and us.

We are sorry to lose two of our loyal volunteers recently. Kevin was a great help on Tuesdays when we received deliveries and donations, helping to sort and store these, and Angela, who was a founder member of the volunteer team responsible for setting up the Shop, has decided it is time for her to leave. She has been a very loyal and hardworking cheerful supporter of the Larder for the past five years. She was also responsible for the very successful Christmas raffles, raising fantastic amounts of monies which helped to fund the Larder.

Thank you both for your dedicated service and we wish you well for the future. Anyone who feels they would like to volunteer can apply to do so through the Argyle Centre Facebook page.

***Wishing you all a wonderful summer break
All at The Argyle Community Shop***

Care & Share



I hope you've all enjoyed the beautiful spell of weather though, unfortunately, it seems to be leaving us again. Gardens need the rain too so we must be thankful for it too!

The Friday Lunch Club continues to welcome new friends each week. The soup and filled rolls go down a treat and, of course, Mary's apple crumbles are "the icing on the cake!"

Last week we got a full crate of strawberries amongst the Aldi donation and everyone who wanted one was able to have a punnet. Delicious!! (I was too slow though and didn't get one)



As the school holidays approach we might have more children coming for lunch. This is always a difficult and expensive time for parents. It's good that we are able to offer some support to struggling individuals and families.

By the time the next magazine is due in September we will have been providing the lunches on a Friday for eight years. I can't believe how quickly the time has flown in. Thank you all very much for your support in the past, present and future.

Whatever you are doing over the summer break we hope you have a lovely time. Remember the sunscreen and the umbrella!! The lunch club doesn't have a holiday break so please do come and join us for a tasty three course meal.

Love and blessings, Pam x

**HELPING
LOCAL
PEOPLE
IN CRISIS**



John Stewart, 07561 340886, is happy to collect any donations and deliver to the Foodbank HQ in Ardrossan.

If you would like to contribute some items for the foodbank at any time, there is always a collection box in the hallway at the church.

Food	Non-food items
UHT milk	Shower gel
Tinned meat (Hotdogs, Meatballs etc.)	Shampoo/conditioner
Tinned fish	Deodorant
Tinned fruit	Toilet rolls
Sponge/Rice puddings	Washing up liquid
Coffee (small jars)	Laundry detergent pods
Long-life juice	
Pasta sauce	
Tinned veg (potatoes, carrots, green beans, tomatoes)	
Tinned meals (Spaghetti, Chilli, Chicken or Veg curries)	
Tinned soup	
Jam and Spreads	

Connect with Kirkgate

In addition to meeting in person for our Sunday (10.45am) and short midweek Thursday (10.30am) services you can also find us online.



Website:

www.kirkgatechurch.org.uk

Contains our Sunday service, intimations, magazine, church history, contact details.



Facebook:

www.facebook.com/Kirkgatechurch

A link to our Sunday Service is usually published around 10.30am on Sunday mornings on Facebook. Also regular posts about our other events and Sunday School activities, along with other Church of Scotland news. We currently have 614 followers.



Podcast:

An audio version of our Sunday service is usually available shortly afterwards on Spotify, Apple Music and other podcast providers. Search for Kirkgate Church.



YouTube:

www.youtube.com/@kirkgatechurch

Watch live or catch up later with all our live broadcasts and special events, such as funerals and weddings. A recording of the Sunday Service will usually be available by mid-afternoon on the Sunday in the event of the livestream failing. Subscribe to our channel for free to get updates on the latest content. We've done it - we now have 205 subscribers to our YouTube channel. Recent viewing numbers range from between 80 and 140 viewers every week.



Email:

We send a monthly email with a link to a digital version of this magazine to our members and friends for whom we have an email address. Contact messenger@kirkgatechurch.org.uk to be added to our mailing list.

Online Fundraising

A wee reminder that if you make any purchases online, then please consider signing up with easyfundraising.org.uk and making 'Ardrossan & Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church' your chosen cause. We now have 19 supporters who have raised a total of £177.16 to date at no extra cost to themselves.

easyfundraising

Raise regular donations for Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Pa... with your weekly food shop!

How to get involved

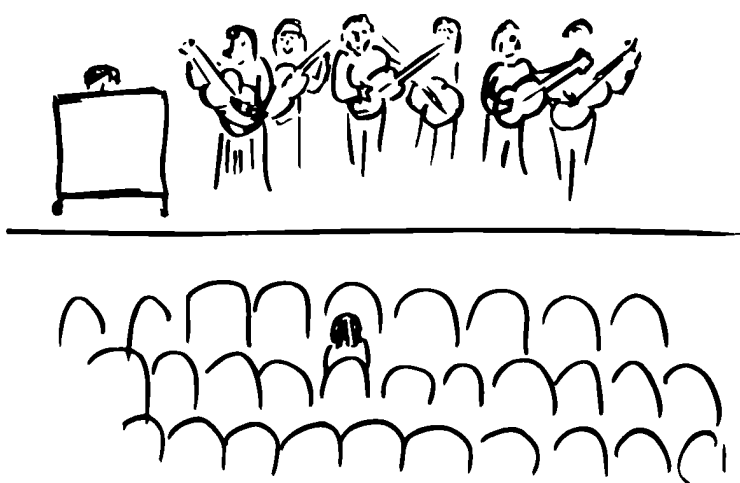
- 1 Download the easyfundraising app
- 2 Choose us as your cause
- 3 See retailers donate whenever you shop

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ardrossanandsaltcoatskirkgate

Music Group

We have started a small music / singing group which is currently meeting every second Tuesday at 7pm in the church hall. The hope is that it will allow us to learn some new worship songs and hymns, and eventually, for the group to take part during a Sunday service. If you play an instrument, or just enjoy singing, then you will be most welcome to join the group. You don't have to be able to read music, although it will help.

The next practice dates will be 9th and 23rd June at 7.00pm.



George suddenly realised the disadvantage of 'full involvement in worship'

Kirkgate Diary:

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

Sunday, 10.45 am:	Morning Worship Sunday School/Creche
Tuesday, 1.00-4.00pm:	Craft Team
7.00pm-8.00pm:	Music Group (fortnightly)
Wednesday, 11am-12 noon & 7.00-8.00pm:	Bible Study
Thursday, 10.30am:	Midweek Service
Thursday, 2.30 & 7.30pm:	Country Dance Club (alternate weeks)
Friday, 12.30-2.00pm:	Care & Share Lunch

JUNE

Thursday 4th: 10.30am
Midweek Service - Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 7th: 10.45am
Morning Worship - Sacrament of Holy Communion

Tuesday 9th: 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Music Group

Friday 12th: 5.30pm - 7.00pm
Youth Group last night

Saturday 13th: 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Fundraising Strawberry Tea

Sunday 21st: 10.45am
Morning Worship
Sunday School Prize Giving

Tuesday 23rd: 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Music Group

Wednesday 24th: 2.00pm
Musical Memories

Saturday 27th: 10.00am
Kirk Session/Congregational Planning Meeting

Sunday 28th: 10.45am
Morning Worship
Tea/Coffee fellowship after morning service



JULY

Thursday 2nd: 10.30am
Midweek Service - Sacrament of Holy Communion

Saturday 4th: 10.00 - 12 noon
Kids Village - private let

Sunday 5th: 10.45am
Morning Worship - Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday 26th: 10.45am
Morning Worship
Tea/Coffee fellowship after morning service

Wednesday 29th: 2.00pm
Musical Memories

AUGUST

Tuesday 25th: 1.00 - 4.00pm
Craft Team Resumes

Wednesday 26th: 2.00pm
Musical Memories

Sunday 30th: 10.45am
Morning Worship
Sunday School Resumes
Tea/Coffee fellowship after morning service
Material required for 'The Messenger'

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3rd: 10.30am
Midweek Service - Sacrament of Holy Communion
2.30pm
Country Dance Resumes

Sunday 6th: 10.45am
Morning Worship - Sacrament of Holy Communion

Monday 7th: 9.45 - 1.00pm
Pastoral Group Meeting

Thursday 10th: 10.30am
Midweek Service
7.00 - 9.00pm
Kirk Session

Saturday 12th:
Fundraising - Fiddler's Rally

Monday 14th: 10.30 - 1.00pm
Pastoral Group Workshop

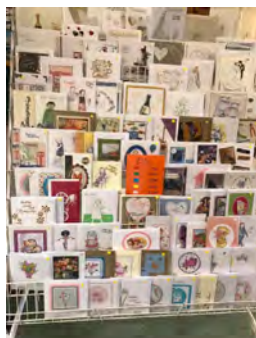
Craft Group

The Group is still busy on Tuesday afternoons making cards to make sure that the card stands in the hall vestibule will be full over the summer months.

We will be taking a break, stopping on Tuesday 23rd of June and starting back again on 25th August.

All orders which we have in hand will be finished before we stop.

It's been a quick session but hopefully it will be a good summer and we can all enjoy some sunny days. We hope that you all have a lovely Summer too, enjoying the outdoors with friends and family.



Musical Memories

New songs for May were the Dark Island, Fields of Gold and Close to you by the Carpenters.



The June event on 24th will be a charity afternoon in aid of Marie Curie. It would be great to see a big turn out and should be good fun with a quiz and a raffle.

We are hoping to be on all through the summer months so why don't you come along for a wee afternoon of music from 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s, something for everyone.

Dates for Musical memories:-
Kirkgate - June 24th, July 29th, August 26th.

Music afternoons at South Beach House:
June 3rd - Please note only one day in June
July 8th and 22nd
August 5th and 19th.
September 9th and 23rd.

Thank you
Mary

Letters of Appreciation

Thank you very much for the birthday card from the church, and also for Maureen's visit and phone calls.

Kathleen McIlreavy



Dear Kirkgate Family

I would like to thank everyone for the lovely bouquet of flowers I received from you all.

I was extremely touched by this kind gesture. You have all made me feel so welcome since I returned in January and I am so blessed by the Lord to be a member of Kirkgate.

God Bless each and every one.

Your Sister in Christ, Nancy Thornton xx

Thank you to my church family and especially to the pastoral care team, Nigel, Agnes and the flower team and so many friends (you know who you are), for the many cards, phone calls, emails, beautiful flowers, and ongoing prayers, on the passing of my sister Jean in Spain. The kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity shown to me at this sad time have lifted my spirits ever so much and I am truly blessed by God and by our compassionate church.

Ruth McMartin

A big thank you to everyone who sent cards and also for the church flowers that my sister-in-law and I received after our sad bereavement - they were very much appreciated.

Elizabeth McCracken

I would like to thank all my friends at Kirkgate for the beautiful flowers which I received following my recent op. A special mention to Dee and Dylan for delivering them and to Nigel, Savior and the Pastoral Care Team for their visits, prayers and messages.

It was strange to be personally on the receiving end of the flowers instead of allocating them to others!

Many thanks to those who have taken on this task while I have been out of commission. The support of so many people has been a huge blessing on my road to recovery, and I really appreciate it.

Morag Forsyth

Thank you so much for my lovely flowers I received from the church. They were so unexpected and also the nice visit from Moira who delivered them to me. It really made my day. I'm sorry I'm late in sending my thanks for all your kindness and also thanks to both Barbara and Betty for their many frequent visits.

Celia Meney

Fundraising 2026

The Quiz night was another successful fundraising event raising the magnificent sum of £493 for Church funds. What a great night it was - lots of fun and laughter was heard all evening. The winning team (on a tie break) was 'Navid's Numpties' and a big thank you to Moira and Ron for making it all so enjoyable.



We were disappointed with what we received for the ragbag collection and as a result I don't think we will have another for a while. The Church only received £24, which, for all the work involved we felt isn't worth the effort.

On a happier note we look forward to our next venture which is the Strawberry Tea on Saturday 13th June and tickets costing £5 are now on sale. We hope you will give us your support and bring your friends to that afternoon. It is a lovely get-together with loads of time to catch up with everyone.

After that the committee are having a well earned break and will reconvene to organise the concert by the Clyde Coast Fiddlers on September 12th. This was a wonderful concert last year and we look forward to a toe-tapping afternoon.

Phyllis Armstrong



2026

**Saturday June 13th -
Strawberry Tea - Tickets £5**

September 12th - Clyde Coast Fiddlers

Friday October 23rd - Fashion Show

Saturday November 28th - Christmas Fair

Mark these Dates
on Your
Calendar

*Looking forward
to your
usual support*



Kirk Session

The Kirk Session met on Thursday 21st May, and was well attended. I was pleased to report that our records for 2025 had been attested by Presbytery on 6th May, and were found to be in order.



Forthcoming Communion dates were agreed as follows:

Sundays 7th June, 5th July, 6th September, 4th October, 1st November and 29th November (Advent).

Thursdays 4th June, 2nd July, 3rd September, 1st October, 5th November, 3rd December.

There will be no retiring offering in June or September, but the Sunday retiring offering in July will be for the Fabric Fund.

Kirk Session meetings will be held on Thursday 10th September at 7.00pm and on Thursday 12th November at 2.00pm.

Nigel will be on study leave from 8th – 19th June, and on holiday from 16th July – 16th August.

We noted the introduction of two new ventures, namely the music group which meets on alternate Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm, and the youth group (for p7 upwards) which meets on alternate Fridays from 5.30 – 7.30pm.

You may know that while the Saltcoats Christmas Carnival committee has been disbanded. It is probable that we will be providing a space for the grotto again this year, but details have not yet been confirmed. This might be run alongside one of our other events over Christmas.

We will be holding a second planning morning here in Kirkgate on Saturday 27th June and we hope that you will be able to come along at that time to discuss the future plans for our congregation.

Vivien Bruce, Session Clerk

Country Dance Club

We have had another successful year of dancing. Our end of year party was early May and we had our usual visitors. Billy Gray played for us at our party as well as one Thursday a month. Throughout the year we have been learning new dances in the book of new dances published last summer.

Many of us do not stop dancing in the summer but go to Summer Dancing on a Monday evening in Troon. There is a live band every week and we meet up with friends from many places.

We will start dancing again on Thursday 3rd September at 2.30 pm. What about coming along? If you have never tried Scottish Country Dancing before what about coming along and seeing what we do?

Elizabeth Howie
01294 46781



The Guild

We had a successful meeting on Monday May 18th to discuss next session's syllabus, and we hope it will contain a varied selection of topics to suit most tastes.



This being the final year of the Guild's two year strategy 'Let us Build a House', we've previously built on 'Sure Foundations' and been inspired by 'Living Stones' the final theme this next session is 'Beyond the Walls' when we will be encouraged to build relationships with others within and outside our church fellowship.



A slight change to our programme will be that we will have our dedication service included in morning worship on Communion Sunday, 4th October.

Our opening meeting will be on Monday 12th October at 2.00pm. and we would like to invite you all, men and women to come along. Details of the meeting are still to be confirmed. Helen Kerr is our new source of communication, and Fiona Wright as our Treasurer – we wish them every blessing as they settle into their new positions.

Helen writes the following: *"The Guild National Convener decided that the challenge would be a national quiz between all the new 'Guilds Together' sending a team to Perth on Friday 22nd May.*

Only Mary Ford and I had put our names forward but we needed four for a Team. So at our guild meeting on Monday 18th I put a last minute plea to our members to join us and low and behold Sylvia Rennie and Margaret O'Hare were up for the challenge and came to the rescue.

Well done Saltcoats – all four representing 'Ayrshire Guilds Together' came from here and three of us from Kirkgate.

We didn't exactly cover ourselves with glory but we thought we didn't let you down, coming sixth out of 13 teams from a' the airts of Scotland. Well done to the 'Ayrshire Amateurs'.

There was much laughter and meeting old and new friends and it was 'Guilds Together South Glasgow' who lifted the trophy.



The Guild members of North Church Perth provided a delicious afternoon tea for about 70-80 of us. A good afternoon and we were back home via bus and train well before dark!!"



Annual Stated Meeting

The ASM meeting was held on Sunday 24th May after morning worship.

The church roll stands at 193, with 13 adherents. In 2025 we had 13 funerals, of which 9 were members, and in 2026 we have had 6 funerals to date. We have not had any baptisms, but we have welcomed several new members, both by profession of faith and by resolution of the Kirk Session. We have also had the induction of 3 new Elders. In addition to those who join us in the sanctuary each week we also have a large on-line following. Posts on our Facebook page are very popular and receive lots of likes and comments.

It is great to see a good number of children in our Sunday school and we love to see the young people and to hear what they have to say. There are several people on a rota for Sunday school and crèche, and we are grateful to you all for helping to nurture the young people.

Our Thursday service is attended by people from other churches as well as our own, and the same is true of our Bible study groups. We are fortunate to have people willing to lead the Thursday service and to take Bible study.

This is a busy church, and there is a lot happening. Intimations are read on a Sunday, and are also available on the church website (kirkgatechurch.org.uk). Our magazine is also a good place to go if you are looking for information, and our thanks go to Elizabeth and Stuart for putting this together, sourcing advertisers to help to offset the cost, and ensuring that it is distributed by email or post to those who have requested it. In addition there are copies left at the doors to be picked up.

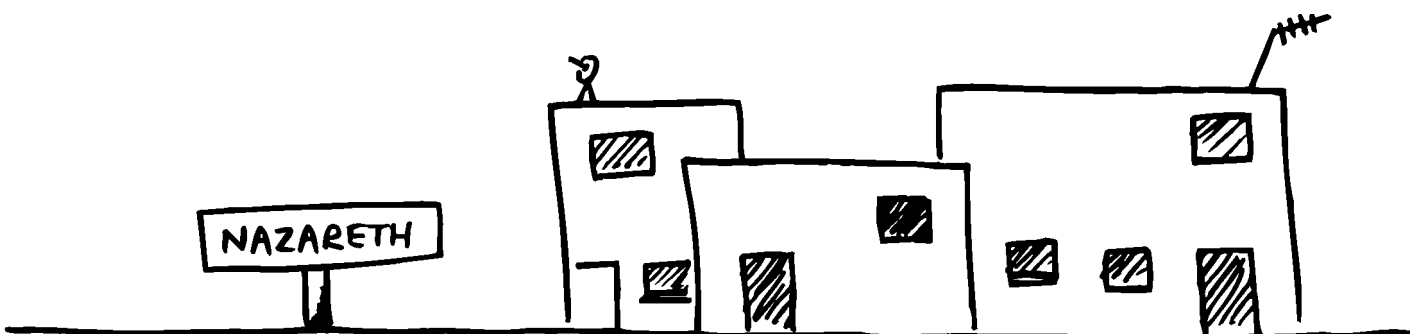
This is a good time to remind people to keep us updated to any changes to contact details, so that our records are up to date.

We have two new groups which have recently started up – our singing group which meets on alternate Tuesday evenings, and our Youth group, which meets on alternate Fridays.

The Kirkgate family is a very caring and generous one, and I am proud to be part of it. There is always a great response to requests for donations, whether of money or of specific items for various appeals throughout the year. Fundraising events are always well supported and bring in welcome additions to our funds. I know you will all agree that our new kitchen is a big improvement and is a more pleasant place to work than the previous one.

We have several committees and you will see what they do in the magazine. There are many people who help in lots of different ways with the smooth running of the church and the buildings. If you would like to help in any way please speak to me about it. We are always happy to have volunteers for light cleaning of the sanctuary, for gardening, for serving tea and coffee after the service, for distributing flowers after the service. I am encouraged by the things which are done week by week behind the scenes, and hope that those involved know that their efforts are appreciated by us all.

We are organising a second planning meeting for the congregation, which will be held on the morning of Saturday 27th June. We would love to see you there and give you the opportunity to share your visions and ideas for the future of Kirkgate Parish Church.



**And Jesus was unable to do any miracle in that place due to their unbelief...
and the fact that the World Cup was on.**

Property Report

We are still trying different things to try to stop the leak in the heating system. Thanks are due to David Fry for his work to help us with this. The Fussion engineer came on Friday afternoon and has promised us an estimate for repairing it.

The splashback for the kitchen sink has failed, some of the paint has come off. After many, many emails back and forward Etsy is going to replace it and Gary has agreed to fit it for us.

He has already fitted a new baby changing unit in the disabled toilet at the church, and is half way through installing the new decking at the manse and everything seems to be going well.

Andrew Burn has completed the electrical work at the manse previously agreed with Nigel.

We are investigating ways to re hang the war memorials. Some of them are so heavy and will require to be cleaned and polished before installing.

The property committee met this month and discussed ways to improve our toilet facilities.

Because the kitchen was the big fabric spend this year our toilet renovations will probably need to wait till 2027 giving us plenty of time to plan ahead.

Jean Rainey & Mary Stewart

HYMNS FOR THOSE WHO SPEED ON THE MOTORWAY



At 45 mph: "God Will Take Care of Me"
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At 65 mph: "Nearer My God to Thee"
At 85 mph: "This World is Not My Home"
At 95 mph: "Lord, I'm Coming Home"
Over 100mph: "Precious Memories"



Prayer Group

Other groups stop for the summer months but as the prayer group is small and the time is short we will continue to meet on second Sunday of the month in the small hall after the morning worship.

Please do not hesitate to come along or give me your prayer requests.

Thank you
Margaret Cassidy



Thursday Service

Once again we have had steady numbers attending the service and that is good for those who take the service as a lot of hard work and thinking can go into composing them.



There is still plenty room for more so again if you are free on a Thursday morning pop along to the service and enjoy a cup of tea and fellowship afterwards

The Thursday Team

The Lord's Abundant Crop

*Lord you're doing
So much in our lives
To bring a deeper growth
A time of pruning
The withered branches
So healthier ones can grow*

*Though it is painful
And hard to endure,
It is needful in our lives—
For without it we'd be
An unhealthy tree
And may wither away and die*

*To keep on producing
The fruit of the Lord,
We need to have sin cut out
Then new branches will come
And we'll flourish again
As the new shoots begin to sprout*

*Then we will produce
From the seeds God planted
Fruit that will never rot
Ripened by God
And picked in its season,
Is the Lord's abundant crop!*



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General Assembly May 2026

Rev Gordon Kennedy is the next Moderator Designate, succeeding Rt Rev Rosie Frew.

The 62-year-old has served as the minister of Craiglockhart Parish Church, Edinburgh since 2012. Asked how he felt after being told he had been named Moderator Designate 2026-2027, he said: "My first reaction was surprise, I had never thought of being Moderator, it's not something that's been in my mind.

During the next 12 months, he will act as the Church's ambassador, meeting with ecumenical partners and faith leaders, visiting presbyteries and projects and representing the Church at home and abroad.

Mr Kennedy hopes to use the position to support and encourage local church members in their mission to follow and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Prior to his role at Craiglockhart Parish Church, he served New Cumnock Parish Church in East Ayrshire (1993-2000) and Portpatrick Parish Church linked with St Ninian's Parish Church in Stranraer, Wigtownshire (2000-2012)

The minister is married to Rev Fiona Kennedy, an OLM (Ordained Local Minister) who works with churches in Edinburgh, and the couple have two adult sons, John and Andrew, who is married to Bonnie.

"For me, the most important part of the Church of Scotland is the local church: local congregations, chaplaincy and pioneering work."

He acknowledged that the Church is continuing to grapple with the challenges of reforming to sustainably and effectively share the Good News of Jesus Christ in the second quarter of the 21st century.

Be confident and bold

Asked what his message is for members who are feeling disillusioned, he said: *"Somebody once described faith as not just standing at the edge of the cliff but leaning out over the edge with only the wind of God's Spirit to hold you up. Not only is it frightening, it is exciting.*

The way we've been doing church over the past 30-40 years was great for then, but it isn't great for this moment in time.



Mr Kennedy said Christians believe prayer changes situations and circumstances.

"When I think that I can't do anything, I remember that prayer is doing something and I can pray," he explained.

The minister said the world is in a state of flux at the moment but Christians have the power to act during unsettled times.

"Being well informed and being active in prayer are two things that we can do and let's try not to panic because the danger is we spiral and think 'everything is terrible and it's never going to get better' and we end up doing nothing," he added.

"Let's trust God and pray."

Asked what he thinks the Church needs to do to attract new members, Mr Kennedy said: *"If we are going to be relevant to the 95% of folks who don't know Jesus, we need to align ourselves to God and his mission through our prayers, and then be empowered by God's Spirit to step out in the direction He is leading us."*

The minister said he was greatly encouraged by news of what is called the 'Quiet Revival', which sees an increase in engagement with church and Bible Reading amongst young people.

General Assembly May 2026 Continued...

"We need an active call to discipleship to encourage people to come and join us and stay," he explained.

"We need to challenge the non-Christians around us to follow Jesus and I'm not sure we're doing that clearly enough or with enough conviction, so people are not hearing that call."



Mr Kennedy said going to Church is about a lot more than sitting in a pew on a Sunday morning.

"It's life transforming, it's joining in on Jesus's mission to renew and restore all things - justice, peace, mercy," he added.

The Gospel can address all of these and if you start following Jesus, you will have an opportunity to engage in God's mission to renew and transform.

Jesus is King and you can get to be part of his mission of transforming all creation, it's not a passive invitation, it's an invitation to action."

I hope in my year as Moderator to support and encourage disciples of Jesus, congregations of Christ's church, to walk in all his ways.

The call to follow Jesus is not a call to personal privilege nor self-satisfaction, but a call to faith and service. The Lord Jesus continues to be at work in our lives and in our congregations.

As we commit ourselves to walking in all his ways we grow in confidence in our faith, we are strengthened in hope and love for one another.

We are also called into our communities to share this good news and to show this good news in acts of compassion and mercy."

Music Requests

If you'd like to request a hymn or organ voluntary that you haven't heard for a while, or has a special meaning for you, then we have produced some request slips which are available at the front door - just fill in your choices and we'll try to schedule them in to a future Sunday service.



Mary's Meals Appeal

Donate your spare foreign currency to help feed children with Scottish-based charity Mary's Meals.

Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future.



Mary's Meals can turn your foreign coins and notes into meals for hungry children.

They can also take British coins and notes that are no longer legal tender. If you donate a foreign currency other than Euros or US dollars, their currency partner will add 5% to your donation.

Foreign currency often ends up forgotten in drawers, wallets, or jars after a holiday. By donating it to Mary's Meals, you can ensure it goes somewhere truly valuable, helping them provide nutritious school meals to hungry children.

Every small contribution adds up, and together, they can turn unwanted currency into daily school meals that give children the energy to learn, grow and build brighter futures.

There is a collection box available in the hallway, along with some collection envelopes should you wish to use them. It's also fine to drop in loose currency. At the end of the summer we'll package it all together for sending it on to Mary's Meals. There are also some flyers and newsletters giving some more information about the charity.

Large Print Hymns

Additionally, we're going to be producing some ring binders for folk with visual impairments that contain large print words of hymns that aren't available in our versions of Mission Praise, and other hymn books that we occasionally use such as Junior Praise, God Welcomes All and The Sing Hymnal.



For Your Amusement.....

Spot the Differences in Jesus Fed the People

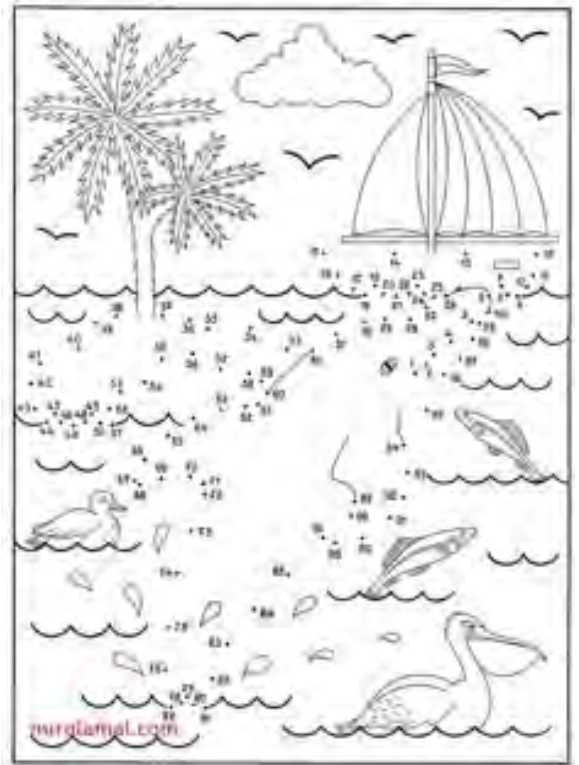
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For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ.
1 Corinthians 12:12

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7 June	J. Rainey	P. Martin	S. Gill
14 June	J. Stewart	B. McWilliam	B. McCracken
21 June	M. Cooper	L. McDougall	E. Green
28 June	E. McInnes	M. Hunter	F. Liddell
5 July	J. Rainey	G. Armstrong	P. Armstrong
12 July	J. Stewart	D. MacLeod	E. Howie
19 July	M. Cooper	P. Martin	S. Gill
26 July	E. McInnes	B. McWilliam	B. McCracken
2 August	J. Rainey	E. Green	L. McDougall
9 August	J. Stewart	M. Hunter	F. Liddell
16 August	M. Cooper	G. Armstrong	P. Armstrong
23 August	E. McInnes	D. MacLeod	E. Howie
30 August	J. Rainey	P. Martin	S. Gill
6 Sept	J. Stewart	B. McCracken	B. McWilliam
13 Sept	M. Cooper	L. McDougall	E. Green



MONTHLY TEA ROTA	
	Organisers
28 June	Nikita & John Cairns
26 July	Agnes Wilkie & Team
30 August	The Craft Team
27 September	Mary Stewart & Mima McSwan
25th October	Eunice McInnes
29 November	Pam Martin
20 December	Mima McSwan & Margaret Cassidy

Please speak to Mary Stewart should you be unable to fulfill your duty Tel: 464526

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14 June	D. Kirkhope	C. Ewing
21 June	M. Hunter	D. MacLeod
28 June	J. McTavish	M. Hunter
5 July	L. Jack	J. McTavish
12 July	E. Murchie	E. Green
19 July	M. McSwan	M. Cooper
26 July	S. Gill	E. McInnes
2 August	E. McInnes	S. Donald
9 August	M. Watson	J. Hay
16 August	E. Dodds	J. O'Hare
23 August	A. Aitken	E. Breakenridge
30 August	L. Copland	M. Cassidy
6 Sept	A. Wilkie	C. Ewing
13 Sept	I. Passway	D. MacLeod



Should you wish to contribute flowers for the sanctuary, please speak to **Chrissie Baillie**, Tel: 01294 463903.

Should you be unable to do your delivery of Sunday flowers, please contact someone else on the team and try to do a swap to avoid the distribution team having to find someone last minute after the service. Contact Elizabeth McMahon 01294 464428 should you wish to volunteer to deliver the flowers or should you wish to retire from this duty.

Pastoral Team member Morag Forsyth, Tel: 01294 463762, is co-ordinating the names of recipients for flowers and will keep Agnes Wilkie and her distribution team informed of those in need.

Birth Flowers & Meanings



The rose, the queen of the garden, symbolizes love, passion, and perfection. Born in early summer, you likely have a magnetic charm and a deep appreciation for beauty and romance. Like the rose with fragrant flowers and its many layers of petals, you're multifaceted, passionate, and protective of those you love, cherishing deep emotional connections.



The water lily, known for its serene beauty and purity, symbolizes peace, enlightenment, and rebirth. If you were born in the height of summer, you probably have a calm and reflective nature. Like the water lily that floats serenely on the surface of the water, you bring a sense of tranquility and grace to any situation, finding peace even in the midst of chaos.



Gladiolus, known for its strength and moral integrity, symbolizes remembrance, faithfulness, and calm. Those with this birth flower often have a commanding presence and natural leadership qualities. Like the tall, stately gladiolus, you're strong, courageous, and unafraid to stand up for what you believe in, making you a source of inspiration for others.

Song of Solomon 2:1 - I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.

Isaiah 40:8 - The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

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Mrs Elizabeth McCracken	Phyllis Armstrong
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