

# The Parish Record

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The quarterly magazine of  
Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Parish Church



“The Church is wherever God’s people are praising,  
knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord. The  
Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying to  
live and to share out the good news of God.”

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM MODERATOR



Dear Friends

The clocks have changed, the nights are fair drawing in and the weather is getting colder . . . . .winter is just about here. These darker months bring many challenges in terms of people feeling a bit lonely or isolated and a bit sad as they remember loved ones no longer here to share conversation and all of life's ups and downs in the long winter evenings. Perhaps a bit wary of going out in wild weather and this winter there are the added worries of increased food and fuel costs to try to cope with.

As the church, as followers of Christ, we seek to follow the light of the world and to bear the message of hope and love and justice. So we, in our church life are seeking to offer, in so many ways spaces and places of warmth and hospitality, companionship and conversation to each other and to our neighbours in our community.

And in the midst of winter, through the Season of Advent we hear the words of the prophets and the whispers of angels and look forward to celebrating the gift of the Christ Child.

The Advent call is a call to pilgrimage:  
To follow a star wherever it leads,  
To wait in suspense for a new revelation,  
To journey in hope, confident of God's leading,  
To believe that the heavens can open,  
To watch for an unlikely birth  
And see beauty in the dirt of a stable.  
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In this magazine you will be able to find out about many of the events and activities planned in the church and community over the next weeks. Together may you have a blessed Advent

With best wishes

Karen

## TRIBUTE TO ALAN GRANT



It has been a difficult time over the past few years for Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Church, as so many faithful servants have gone to be with the Lord. I think I speak for all of us reading this tribute to Alan that we share in a deep loss that he is no longer with us.

Alan was not only a big presence in Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay church family, but central in the life of his own family Ann, Garry and Julie, Laura and Brian, his grandchildren Caitlin and Rebecca.

Alan had served as our Session Clerk for many years, he was first ordained as an elder in 1971 at Renfrew Old and on moving to Wemyss Bay was admitted to Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Church in 1984. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with his wife Ann and family. Alan was a devoted husband and family man who gave himself unselfishly to them and the life and witness of Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay church. Throughout his life he nurtured many young people in what it means to follow Jesus, firstly in the Boys Brigade and then in the Sunday school at Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay church.

Alan saw the value in working hard, when he started his working life, he also attended night school to obtain qualifications in Business Administration and his career as a senior figure in administration spanned, Paisley, Clydebank and Inverclyde Councils. Alan's wise council was valued by all who worked with him in these many different rolls and his concern for his community always shone through.

Alan was a rock to Ann, his son Garry, daughter Laura and as the family grew to his grandchildren. They are left with so many wonderful memories of the times they shared together, how he loved being a grandfather, how he gave them such solid foundations on which to build their lives, Alan built his life upon the rock of Christ. Alan was faithful to his Lord throughout his life and only wanted the best for his family and Church family. Alan never forgot his roots, the sacrifices his mother made for him in his early years.

He was always a Buddie and faithfully followed his team St. Mirren. It could not have been a coincidence at the time of his funeral service that St. Mirren beat Celtic, for Alan would have been praying at the throne of Grace for his family and his church family, and his favourite team. Alan was a dear friend to many and will be greatly missed.

Rev Archie Speirs

# OUTINGS

As Sunday School Superintendent, Alan Grant was exceptionally fond of our annual congregational outing (formerly the Sunday School picnic).

John and I have fond memories of taking our two girls on the coach, booked weeks ahead by an excited Alan, to a variety of destinations: Chatelherault Country Park near Hamilton, the David Livingstone Centre at Blantyre, Calderglen Country Park and Kilmarnock's Dean Castle Country Park. We even had an overseas trip one year to Mount Stuart on the Island of Bute.

After the Sunday Service, chairs and tables were carried from the hall by the nimble across the A78 to the coach's luggage hold. They were followed by the welly boot, hessian sacks, ropes, balls, bats, plastic cones and hoops; all necessary for the planned races and fun to follow. Meanwhile, Thermos flasks were filled from the kitchen urn, mugs boxed up and Tupperware boxes assembled which contained vast quantities of sandwiches, cake, chocolate coated tray bakes and the important sausage rolls. This feast was eyed up by the hungry and sweet toothed of all ages.

There was usually a chorus of 'If you're happy and you know it, ...' on the bus. I have no recollection of an outing where sunscreen was applied, but waterproofs were certainly deployed. There was always a black plastic bag on the bus and not just for the litter. Alan enjoyed sitting upfront with the driver, providing detailed directions as we approached the destination. All venues selected by Alan were well researched and reconnoitred and never failed to please.

On arrival, camp was struck on a flat piece of grass and we made short work of the picnic lunch. Other park visitors would look on in amazement at church folks actually enjoying themselves.

After a short period for digestion, the children's races began. The sack race was keenly anticipated by our youngest, who honed her technique annually until the sacks only came up to her knees! I can remember the ground shaking during the keenly contested fathers' race and enjoying taking part in the mother's equivalent.

Alan arranged the starting line cones and blew his BB whistle, while others held a rope at the finishing line, dropping it to the ground just as you approached at full pelt. These sporting endeavours were spectated from folding chairs or rugs strewn at the sidelines on the grass. The races were followed by the throwing of the welly boot, all-age rounders and football, and an opportunity to wander off and discover the park's many attractions and

animals for yourselves. In the late afternoon one person was despatched in their separate support car to collect the pre-arranged ice cream and wafers from the nearest Italian cafe.

The teatime journey home was always more subdued with a tired but happy congregation, nibbling at the remains of their food.

The following Sunday, the middle-aged would compare injuries, having been daft enough to throw themselves into unaccustomed physical activity at their children's bidding and without the benefit of a proper warm up.

For some, the outing was an opportunity for fellowship and to reminisce. For others, it was a day to build enduring family memories.

Caroline Scott

## **FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**

A warm welcome and lots of chat and laughter signalled the start of the new Friendship Circle Season. Old friends mingled and it was good to see some new faces.

We meet on alternate Tuesdays in the Church Hall at two o'clock over a cuppa, laugh at our John's corny jokes, strain to solve quiz questions and practise our singing. We would love to have you join us so please pop along.

Anne Organ

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTORAL ASSISTANT



It's normal at this time of year to look back and remember those who are no longer with us, sometimes this can evoke a deep sensation of pain. We often busy ourselves with work that has to be done and preparations or perhaps we succumb to illness and spend time resting and have more time to think. So much has changed since last Christmas and it is important to take a step back and acknowledge our losses and take all of our concerns to God in prayer.

We know that Jesus said “Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted”. Even if you feel alone, God is very aware of your personal situation and knows the details and intricacies of every individual life. There is a lovely part in Song of Songs which says “He comes closer, even to the places where I hide”

God sends His son Jesus to us to show us the way back to Him and as we approach this Advent season let us give all of our troubles over to Him and trust in our creator God who works always for the good of those who love Him.

The word Advent literally means ‘coming’ and originates from Latin. The purpose of the period of Advent is to look forward to the coming of Christ to Earth. It heralds the dawning of a new era for us as humankind and importantly, a new and better season for us. Advent is a precious and peaceful time to find rest, to repent perhaps and meditate on God’s word and the best gift – wrapped in cloth and placed in a manger.

The candles we light in church each week represent hope, peace, joy and love and I pray for all of those things for each and every one of you.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome and for all the support this year, it’s been a steep learning curve but a very blessed one indeed.

God bless you Lynsey Graham

**“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit .”  
(Romans 15:13)**

## FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS HYMN

One of my favourite hymns at Christmas is  
O little town of Bethlehem how still we see you lie!  
Above your deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by:  
yet in your dark streets is shining the Everlasting Light,  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in you tonight.

Recently I found this story about the author, Phillips Brooks.

*In 1865, a young American called Phillips Brooks journeyed on horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. At the end of his journey he attended a Christmas Eve Service in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Three years later, Brooks returned to America, but the memory of the land of Jesus remained very vivid in his heart. At the age of 32, Brooks used these powerful memories as the basis for writing his famous carol,*

*‘O Little Town of Bethlehem.’ At the time he was Rector of the Church of the Advent and Holy Trinity Church in Philadelphia. He wrote the hymn for children in his Sunday School. But after his organist, Lewis Redner, had put the words to the tune we know today, the carol became one of the most beloved of all Christmas hymns. Phillips Brooks was later to become the Bishop of Massachusetts, but he is remembered most of all for the inspired words of the carol, ‘O Little Town of Bethlehem.’*  
(from *A Stocking Full of Christmas* compiled by Mark Stibbe)

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*‘The hopes and fears of all the years are met in you tonight’* I have always found these words so powerful and just picture being enfolded in the arms of God whispering into my ear. “Do not be afraid, I have called you by name and you are mine”

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS HYMN? HOW ABOUT TAKING TIME OUT TO REFLECT ON THE WORDS. MAY YOU BE SURPRISED BY JOY THROUGH ADVENT & CHRISTMAS.

Marion Stewart

“Christmas can so easily become a wrap race.”

# PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

*On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”*

*“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”*

*He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”*

Now you may think that in this day and age there are not too many “Good Samaritans” but this is where you are wrong. Yes, we hear of acts of kindness in the newspapers, but do we hear of the small acts of kindness?

Just recently an elderly lady was in the supermarket buying her groceries, she took out her card to use with the contactless payment system. She was however told by the assistant that she would have to put the card in the machine and use her pin number. We have all been there, if you have not used the card with pin for sometime, the number goes right out your head. The more the lady tried to remember the more flustered she got. In the end she said to the assistant that she would have to leave her groceries.

A lady standing behind her in the queue had heard the discussion and witnessed the elderly lady’s embarrassment, came to her rescue and paid for the groceries. With all the upset the lady buying the groceries forgot to get the “Good Samaritan’s” name and telephone number. If the “Good Samaritan” reads this, and I hope she does, a cash donation was made to the foodbank. So thank you to the “Good Samaritan”.

Rita



## CAFÉ CHURCH WINTER NEWS



As the nights are drawing in, we are still continuing to meet in the Wemyss Bay Station Café on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm and everyone is most welcome to come along and join us.

In September we had a virtual ‘tour’ of the Holy Land, studying all the famous sites and their significance to Jesus’ life and ministry. In October we focused on the theme of Healing and welcomed along our good friend the Rev Morris Coull as our guest

speaker. My Mum even felt called to get up and share with us her inspiring personal experience of divine healing, a moment in which God was truly glorified.

As always, we have a mixture of contemporary worship songs and some old favourites and with guest speakers, singers, musicians, poets and readers there is something for everyone. We often take a deeper look into topics that the group feel God is calling us to explore.

At the heart of our worship is always a deep sense of the presence of God. We start and end our evenings in prayer, asking God to bless us with His presence and always praying for our linked charges and our wider communities.

It’s been a real blessing to be part of Café Church this year and I thank everyone who has supported us and to Lynne, Rita, Caroline and Susie for helping spread the word each month. Special thanks as well to our guest speaker Rev Morris and our special visitor Rob Rawson. A huge thank you to our hostess Lynne and the Café Church team: Ewen, Gloria, Jimmy, Phil, Sarah and Sheila for whom nothing is ever too much trouble.

With change going on in the wider church, we hope to be a constant source of support and encouragement to all and I look forward to what 2023 has in store for Café Church. God Bless you. Lynsey Graham, Pastoral Assistant

**“Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”**

**(Matthew 18:19-20)**

## OUTREACH AUTUMN UPDATE

*“As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.”*

*James 2:26*

The Blythswood Christmas Shoe Box appeal was launched at the start of September by our worship leader Ian Cowe, who highlighted the escalating plight of refugees in Eastern Europe, since the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in late February. All your brightly wrapped and bulging shoe boxes were taken on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to the Blythswood van pick up point, at the Clerk Memorial Church in Largs.

Seventy seven boxes were filled with much needed toiletries, simple tools, stationary, toys, sweets and warm clothing and underwear. Many thanks to all who contributed and donated to these precious, hope giving Christmas gifts.



In September, Alan Grant our Session Clerk welcomed Jason Ward who spoke about the charity ‘Gillian’s Saltire Appeal’. In his introduction, Alan reminisced about Jason’s Sunday School antics and witty quips. This long supported local charity was started by Jason’s father, following the death of his young wife to cancer. The charity now owns respite care flats in Largs and Millport on the Isle of Cumbrae, both of which were fully booked out over the summer period. The day to day operation of this accommodation for cancer sufferers and their families is through the Maggie’s Centres, one of which operates at Glasgow’s Beatson Clinic. A well supported coffee morning for the charity

organised by Muriel O'May's Social Committee, took place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September when attendees took time to reflect on the life and service of our Queen and Session Clerk. In total £706 was raised for this local cancer charity from both your donations and the coffee morning.

Barbara Edmundson of Vision Ministries made her annual visit to our congregation at the start of October and gave an illustrated update of the charity's ongoing work in Kenya, made possible by your retiring offerings and the Smarty tube Water Aid donations. Frances Nicol and Jean McAnna from the Outreach Team hosted Barbara during her visit.

November is the month of remembrance and Graham Gardiner, the Chief Executive of the Ardgowan Hospice spoke on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November on 'Absent Friends'. We have a long association with our local hospice and some of you may recall Flora Miller's baskets at past Christmas Fairs. Why not come along to the church hall on the morning of Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November to see if the tradition still continues?

Caroline Scott  
Outreach Convener

## **PASTORAL CARE**

We have seven Pastoral Care visitors who regularly, usually monthly, visit twenty three church members, who are physically unable to attend church. At last we have achieved access to Hutton Park, where we have 2 church member who are both doing very well. If there is anyone who you feel would benefit from a visit by one of the team or who would like to join our visiting team , please contact me.

Brian Spence (522300).

## FOODBANK COLLECTIONS



A big thank you to all who contributed to the September collection which coincided with the annual Harvest Festival Service at Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church and resulted in a bumper collection being delivered to Inverclyde Foodbank.

The October collection also brought in a good number of donations and we are grateful

to those who give so generously to those in need. The sum of £1248 has so far been donated this year.

Donations are also sought for Starter Packs and again on the October collection day a generous amount was given. Should you need more information on this worthy charity Marie Dunlop will be able to assist you and tell you what can be donated.

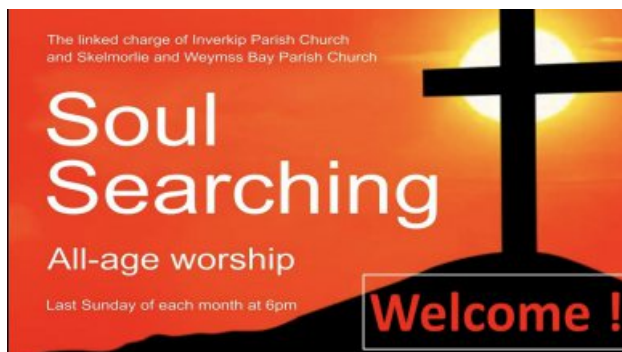
Anne Organ

***A concerned church official was heard to say, “If absence makes the heart grow fonder, an awful lot of people must love our church.”***

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

<b>27th November</b>	1st Sunday in Advent
11.30am	<b>Skelmorlie &amp; Wemyss Bay</b>
	Phil Theaker
	The Christmas tree will be lit for the beginning of the Christmas Season
10.00am	Inverkip
<b>4th December</b>	2nd Sunday in Advent
11.30am	<b>Skelmorlie &amp; Wemyss Bay</b>
	Rev Liz Geddes
10.00am	Inverkip
<b>11th December</b>	3rd Sunday in Advent Communion
11.30am	<b>Skelmorlie &amp; Wemyss Bay</b>
	Rev Liz Geddes
10.00am	Inverkip
<b>18th December</b>	4th Sunday in Advent Gift Service
11.30am	<b>Skelmorlie &amp; Wemyss Bay</b>
	Marion Stewart
<b>24th December</b>	Christmas Eve
10.30pm Evening	<b>Tea/coffee Mince pies</b>
11.30pm Evening	<b>Skelmorlie &amp; Wemyss Bay</b>
	Marion Stewart
<b>25th December</b>	Christmas Day Service
11.30am	<b>Skelmorlie &amp; Wemyss Bay</b>
	Marion Stewart

## SOUL SEARCHING



Soul Searching was back in September after the summer break. We continued the harvest celebrations from earlier that day. There was a bread tasting challenge won by Anne Skedd who took home a

lovely sour dough loaf for supper. Unfortunately, technology wasn't our friend despite Keith's best efforts so we got the old hymn books out and Jennifer sang beautifully for us in her solo. Graham tried to interview Morag about a psalm but there were a few differences of opinion let's say. I was all sermoned out after the morning but Jac did share a short reflection on the psalm which she hope everyone enjoyed. Lynsey closed our time together in prayer. It was lovely to see a few new faces too.

October's Soul Searching was also plagued by technical difficulties; thankfully we only needed a couple of batteries and then we got back on track. Muriel had baked delicious goodies! Our theme was unexpected visitors and everyone seemed to enjoy the skit. Imagine Open All Hours in biblical times with Ian as Abraham and Graham as the young shop assistant. Such a fun and joyful evening.

If you haven't been before, or haven't been in a while, please join us for our last session of the year on 27 November in Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Church hall.

Jac, Morag, Siona, Ian, Graham, Lynsey, Jennifer, Muriel

## SESSION CLERK

There are times in ones life when you think “I am too old to be doing this” and that certainly was the case when I volunteered to be your Session Clerk which I have agreed to do until June next year when the Presbytery Plan will be in place. The definition of volunteering is “to offer to do something that you do not have to do, often without having been asked to do it and/or without expecting payment:”

I felt compelled to volunteer even though as the meaning says “you do not have to do it”. I was conscious that as the Presbytery Plan would soon impact on our church and congregation it did not bode well that we did not have a Session Clerk at this crucial time. I felt and still do feel very ill-equipped to take on this role which Alan had done so capably for thirty years.

I have been heartened though by the many offers of help, support and encouragement but if I don’t get it right I am sure you will understand. I am also very pleased that Ella Wright agreed to be Assistant Session Clerk and Iain Jackson Presbytery Elder.

Rita

## REFLECTION

Some of you may remember a song recorded in the ‘50s by the Spinners, entitled *The Family of Man*. I reworded it many years ago into a Christmas song, *The Family of God*. I would like to thank you for how wonderfully we have been drawn into this family by the congregation. Although Helen only experienced it a couple of times, it has been a God-send for me. So thank you all so much.

I think that this Christmas there will be many things we will each re-evaluate our interactions with others post Covid, perhaps catching up with family members we haven’t seen in a couple of years; wondering why we keep sending Christmas cards to many acquaintances, where it had just become a habit, because even the cost this year will temper our enthusiasm to continue doing so.

Then there are those who have become separated from family, from church family, and are now afraid to remake the connections. “Have I left it too long before making contact again?” I haven’t experienced Christmas here due to Covid, so I’m looking forward to it, finding out how you, as a congregation remember and celebrate the birth of our Saviour. If you have been hesitant about coming back to church, then ring a friend or perhaps your elder and let them know that you would like to come back and see a friendly face or two. Or perhaps you know someone who has been on their own for months now and might benefit from coming, because we are a friendly lot, so ask them.

Families are very important throughout the Bible: kingly dynasties, passing property to succeeding generations and even providing instructions for widows with no heirs and families without male heirs. God had covered all possibilities. Recent investigations have shown that both Mary and Joseph’s families were in the Davidic lineage, absolutely fulfilling the prophecy that there would always be a king of the Davidic line – Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The season of Advent is upon us and we will be reading of the preparations that God made for the birth of His Son, Jesus. It is this Good News that draws us together as Christians, at Christmas.

- Although we remember Jesus’ birth, we are reminded that Jesus will return again in his Glory and God will set up his kingdom: *“Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. (Rev 21)*
- That the Saviour King will be from the Davidic line and be the Saviour for *all peoples. (Rom 15)*
- That the Messiah would fulfil the Old Testament prophecies; *Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.(Mat 11)*
- The sign for **all** people has been given: *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7)*

Perhaps we all need to re-evaluate what Christmas means to us? We live in the sure and certain hope that Jesus will return, and this Good News is too exciting to keep to ourselves. The greatest present we need has been given to us – Jesus - born in anonymity and humility and to return in glory to bring justice and equity to the world. As John wrote: *Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as he is. (1 John 3: 2,3)*

Phil Theaker



**PAINTINGS BY GAVIN NICOL**  
**for**  
**“CLARER MINDS” AT LARGS ACADEMY**



Frances Nicol held an Exhibition of her late husband Gavin's paintings in the manse on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November. The voluntary donations received during the Exhibition went to Clearer Minds. The sum of £700 was raised.

Clearer Minds is a charity supported by the senior pupils at Largs Academy. A relative of Frances, Corey Shepherd, set it up while she was a pupil at Largs Academy following a tragic suicide there. Gavin thought a great deal of Corey's initiative.

Covid has made this charity more important to pupils at Largs Academy and the staff in charge of the programme bring in speakers and councillors to give support to any of the pupils who may require it.

## A BLAST FROM THE PAST

As I approached my 76th birthday I started to think of all the things my grandchildren have missed out on, Today children play with electronic games and don't have to use their imagination. So I have decided to list some of the games and pastimes you will remember and hope they bring back happy memories for you.

Do you remember playing hide and seek, rounders, peevers, skipping, tig, kick door and run away. Playing shops or post office.

How about comics Beano, Dandy, Topper, Bunty, Judy and the Eagle, or the characters Desperate Dan, Lord Snooty, Dan Dare, Minnie the Minx and Dennis the Menace

We had great sweets: Gobstoppers, Bubble gum, sour plumes and pineapple chunks. At Halloween we dressed up and went guising and dooked for apples, dodged treacle scones and if lucky, got some pennies.

Toys were not electronic we got: Cowboy suits, nurses outfits, prams, football strips and balls. Ludo and Snakes and Ladders were favourite board games. TV was black and white and our heroes were Robin Hood, Ivanhoe, Lancelot, and the Lone Ranger. At the pictures on a Saturday matinee we saw Roy Rogers, Flash Gordon, Laurel and Hardy and Nancy Drew and the Brady bunch.

Do you remember playing outside, climbing trees, making dens, sledges, bogies, bows and arrows, slings, fishing for baggie minnows and getting an old bike frame and doing it up (God forbid today too dangerous and if not store bought no use).

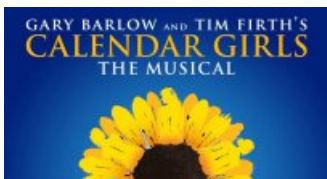
Last one for the boys - do you remember going to the football with your dad wearing a paper rosette supporting your team and getting lifted over the turnstiles?

Happy days never to return and it's called progress. Bah Humbug.

John Nugent

## FUTURE EVENTS

Largs Amateur Operatic Society will perform in the hall on Friday 20th January 2023. Tickets available in the New Year



We have booked 30 seats for Calendar Girls the Musical by LAOS in Vikingar in March 2023. This is sure to be as popular as all the previous shows have been. Further details to follow

# PROPERTY REPORT OCTOBER 2022

## **Manse**

Regular checks of the manse continue. Matthew continues to cut the grass regularly. Thanks are due to Caroline for tidying up the border adjoining the driveway. It is possibly time to think about letting the manse again.

## **Church Building**

A full asbestos survey has been carried out and although some asbestos-containing materials were identified, they do not pose a significant risk to health when left undisturbed.

The stone mason has completed the work which was agreed. Additional pointing work was required to make stonework safe and weatherproof again, relating in part to previous repairs which were carried out using incorrect materials. Justin has been asked to quote for clearing vegetation from the tower and for clearing gutters on the cliff side.

## **Sound and Screen**

Technical problems have continued intermittently unfortunately, although now we are beginning to understand the complexities of the system. We did have several weeks with no live transmission. It appears that 20-30 watch live on YouTube and up to 90 in total over the course of each week.

## **Car Park**

An email was sent to the Ogilvie agent expressing in the strongest terms the sentiment that residents in the flats should not be using the car park as a dog toilet.

Thank you everyone who has been helping around the Church grounds and car park.

David Johnston

# Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 26th November  
10am - 12noon in the Church Hall**

**Tickets £5 available now from the Social Committee.**

*Please support this event as all proceeds go to Church Funds.*

Donations will be very welcome including home baking both for the tea room & cake and candy stall, items for tombola, any home made jams, chutneys etc. and items for the bric-a-brac stall. There will also be a small craft stall, donations would be appreciated.

This year the tombola is taking a different format. If you have any bottle bags or Christmas gift bags new or used. Any donations with the bags would be appreciated.

All items can be brought along to Church and given to any of the social and fund raising committee. The hall will be open from 6pm-7pm on Friday 25th November for receipt of donations.

*Muriel*



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