

# ISWB BULLETIN

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*The Quarterly Magazine of Inverkip, Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Church*

Have not I  
commanded you? Be  
strong and of a good  
courage; be not  
afraid, neither be you  
dismayed: for the  
LORD your God is with  
you wherever you go.

*Joshua 1:9*

*Wemyss Bay -  
Labyrinth  
of Courage*



## MESSAGE FROM

# OUR MODERATOR

Which season of the year is your favourite?  
Some people find that question easy to answer  
and other people find it difficult because each  
season has its own joys as well as challenges.



*Rev Karen Harbison*

Autumn is a season much loved by many as the beauty of the ever changing colour of leaves grabs our attention. We live in an area where those colours and that beauty are very much in evidence, if we open our eyes to see. Autumn also brings with it our Harvest celebrations when we pause to give thanks for crops safely gathered in and a variety of food to enjoy. Our gratitude is not only for that one day of Harvest celebration. Our gratitude leads us to pray and act in ways which lead to all our neighbours having what they need to live well and to pray and act to care for the creation God entrusts to us.

The Season of Creation helps us to have that bigger, longer focus. The Season of Creation is from 1st September to 4th October – the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. The Season of Creation is celebrating it's 35th Anniversary this year and has the theme 'To hope and act with creation' Hope which is grounded in God's love for all creation is much more than wishful thinking but a way of living seen throughout the pages of scripture and in the life, words, actions, prayers and stories of Jesus.

Eco congregation Scotland has produced a wide range of resources to help us think and pray and wonder and act and these can be found on their website. The resources come from a variety of writers from across different denominations and places in Scotland. Why not have a look and find inspiration in the words and images brought together for this season?

The new hymn book 'God welcomes all' has a section focusing on new hymns about creation. Again there are words which help us think and pray and wonder and act

These words are from a hymn by Sam Hargreaves entitled 'God, the maker of the heavens' and could be our prayer for this season...

'God, the gardener of Eden,  
teach us how to tend this earth  
learning from the changing seasons  
times of fallow and new birth.  
Lord, have mercy when we're careless  
rich resources we misuse.  
Use our hands to heal creation;  
You are making all things new.'

MESSAGE FROM

# PASTORAL ASSISTANT



*Lynsey Graham*

What a busy and blessed summer it's been, despite the weather. Sarah and I attended Franklin Graham's 'God Loves You' event at the OVO Hydro and enjoyed worshipping with hundreds of God's people.

We went to the Fringe where we saw some good shows and relaxed in the familiar fun atmosphere. Later, I travelled to the Manx Grand Prix weekend; although the highlight of the trip was being with family at my nephew's first birthday party.

Closer to home, we headed to church camp and finally got to explore the impressive Finnich Glen – beware the stairs down are dangerous and not for the faint of heart. We had a brilliant time paddle boarding and wild swimming. The comedy timing was spot on when my friend and I were really getting the hang of the paddle board and declared "We are SO good, this is the life" before promptly capsizing into the Loch!

Proverbs 16:18 reminds us "pride comes before a fall". Pride can mean when we think we don't need God or that we can do things better our own way. Humility, on the other hand, is when we put all of our trust in God and fear Him. We agreed it was good to be reminded of this even though our hair and make-up was ruined!

As we welcome back our organisations we look forward to a busy few months ahead. Perhaps the Nominating Committee can finally have a rest! Very well done to them for steering us to the person God is calling to minister here. On behalf of the whole church family, thank you all and God bless.

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**Church Service on YouTube**

search for "Inverkip and Skelmorlie"  
*make it a favourite or bookmark)*

MESSAGE FROM

# OUR JOINT SESSION CLERKS

I don't know about you, but these last few months have been filled with anticipation.

Are we going to get sufficient applications for our ministerial position, will there be someone suitable out there who will want to apply, will we have a choice of candidates. Welcoming a new minister to a community is a momentous occasion, one that marks the beginning of a new chapter for both the minister and the congregation. Our nominating committee have been working hard in pruning down the selection but who they choose is all in God's hands. Soon enough we will have a new minister and a new chapter starts in our church's history.



*Rita Carmichael*

A lot of hard work has gone into getting the manse ready for a new occupant in which our new minister will feel at home and part of our community. Hopefully we will not have too long to wait - more anticipation.

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My mum used to sing to me "Summertime is gone and the trees are changing". At the end of August how quickly the summer passes.

I always love seeing the colours in Ardgowan Estate and all the trees in the local area. Hopefully we will have a few weeks of dry weather as the summer has been rather disappointing this year.

There were three weddings over the summer months held at Inverkip Church.

What are you grateful for that happened over the summer months. Take time to stop and relax and thank God for all that he provides us with.

We look forward to our new minister but I urge you all to think of how you can assist



*Ewen Cameron*

in the three pillars of stewardship within the Church. We all need to work together and support one another.

The Nominating Committee thank you for your continued prayers and we look forward to providing you with good news.

# Have you ever walked a **LABYRINTH?**

Labyrinths have long been used for group rituals, private meditation, and contemplation. Some date back over 4,000 years. Unlike mazes, which can be disorienting, labyrinths guide you along a clear path, encouraging a slow and meaningful journey.

Historically, walking a labyrinth has been seen as a pilgrimage, a journey through life, or a path to enlightenment, offering opportunities for personal and spiritual transformation.

The spiral, an ancient symbol of unity and wellbeing, combines with the labyrinth's path to create a purposeful journey. As you walk, you might reflect, receive guidance, or release emotions. The twists and turns mirror life's ebb and flow, offering a meditative space.

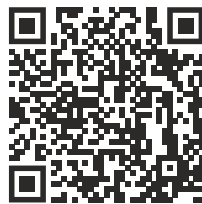
In Inverclyde, five stunning labyrinths have been created to commemorate those lost during the pandemic. Funded by the Scottish Government via Greenspace Scotland and designed by RigArts, local artists, Alan Potter and Walk as One, a group of volunteers from across Inverclyde.

*These labyrinths are located in:-*

- The Labyrinth of Love  
*Wellpark, Greenock*
- The Labyrinth of Hope  
*Coronation Park, Port Glasgow*
- The Labyrinth of Courage  
*Wemyss Bay Community Centre*
- The Labyrinth of Peace  
*Birkmyre Park, Kilmacolm*
- The Labyrinth of Joy  
*Darroch Park, Gourock*

Each labyrinth is associated with a different sentiment – love, hope, courage, peace, and joy – reflected in the flower mosaics at their centres.

Each Labyrinth is site specific, unique and connected in providing spaces for reflection. Their names represent feelings, virtues and aspirations in response to the pandemic.



*scan for more info*

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In June we welcomed back The Clydeside Singers, who had a brand new member – my Mum! We met in the main part of the station and welcomed passers-by as there was travel disruption.

Despite being stranded they absolutely loved it – unlike Scotrail, God’s timing is always perfect! Our theme was ‘Heaven’ which we explored with some Q&A and bible readings.

In July I was assisted by Dr Phil and our theme was ‘Count Your Blessings’. We had some new-old choruses that took us back to our Sunday School days and the singing was great!

In August our theme was ‘Choices’. Our opening number ‘I Have Decided to Follow Jesus’ set the tone as we learned how we can choose every day to put God first. We had a full house, even running out of hymn sheets – a good problem to have! We meet on the last Thursday of every month at 7pm: all welcome.

*Lynsey Graham Pastoral Assistant*



# PROPERTY GROUP

*Susie Gemmill  
Fabric Convenor*

Readers will recall from the summer bulletin that the manse at Skelmorlie is to be retained for the new minister, and the manse at Inverkip is to be sold.

A team of church members have cleared and cleaned the former; have obtained quotes for painting, assorted floor coverings, a new cooker and hood; and undertaken several DIY tasks. Meanwhile, in Inverkip the roof of the manse has been repaired and the bathroom ceiling repainted. The Church of Scotland solicitors are actively preparing the documentation for its sale.

The grounds in our two church locations have been maintained throughout the (largely wet and cool) summer. A tree surgeon was engaged to remove the fallen tree in the south garden at Skelmorlie and quotes obtained to clear the scrub that has grown behind the east (cliff) wall of the church - thus, hopefully, reducing the need for constant leaf-clearing which is necessary to obviate blocked gutters and drains. In the front garden at Inverkip, a trellis and climbing sweet peas have enhanced the war memorial garden seat.

Work will start to fit the new kitchen & flooring in Inverkip Church Hall on 10th SEPTEMBER. The Kitchen will be out of use until the end of the month, sorry for the inconvenience but it will be well worth it.

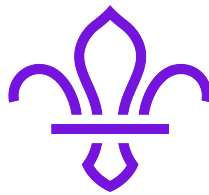


And at SWB church the perforated lead above the chancel and upper hall will shortly be renewed. Also, replacement of the eroded stonework surrounding a stained window is being costed, as are new ladders to provide access to the bell tower. The outcome of these developments and works in progress will feature in the next bulletin.

My sincere thanks are due to members of the Property Group and those who help them. Their time, talents and hard work are much appreciated. A warm invitation is, as always, extended to anyone wishing to join us.



# Scouts



## 71st Ayrshire Cubs

The cubs enjoyed their pack holiday this year at Hensley Wood activity Centre in South Yorkshire. Their visits included trips to Gullivers Kingdom, Eureka children's museum, and York as well as taking part in the activities on site. They even had their own version of the Olympic Games.

The cubs and leaders arrived home after a busy week very tired but all agreed they had a great time.



Anyone interested in joining cubs, call Akela Wyllie on 01475 520096

**Beavers** aged 6-8, meetings are held at the Community Centre from 6.30 - 7.30 on Mondays

**Cubs** age 8-10 are held at Scout hall from 6.30-8.15 on Mondays

**Scouts** age 10-14 are held at Scout hall 7-9pm on Fridays.

**Explorer Scouts** 14-18 are held at Scout hall 7-9 on Wednesdays.

After 18 they can train to become a **young leader**.

Alistair B Wyllie  
71st Ayrshire Scouts  
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## Inverkip Scouts

We have had a busy summer with camps and an expedition. A group took 3 powerboats round behind the Cowal peninsula for a weekend of wild camping and boating on Loch Striven and the Kyles of Bute.

They then had a fantastic week long minibus expedition, camping on a different stunning location in Scotland every night, from an island beach on Loch Lomond to a clifftop on Skye,

beaches on Harris and Lewis, and another beach on Loch Ness.

Four of them have passed their Expedition Challenge after spending two days and nights on an expedition through the Arrochar Alps, camping overnight on the summit of the Cobbler and many are already rehearsing for this year's Gang Show at the Beacon Arts Centre in November.

Andy Yarr  
I. Scout @ 85th G&D  
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## 85th Greenock & District Scouts

The Cubs recently enjoyed our first Summer Camp held at Fordell Firs in Dunfermline where we took part in bell boating and abseiling.

Looking ahead, Cubs are excited about the District Cub Camp in September, our Autumn Camp at South Newton, Kilmacolm, Halloween party and Gang Show.

The Cubs will also be earning more badges before end of term in December.

If you are interested in finding out more about our Cub Packs and getting involved, please contact us.



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Inverkip Scouts



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# A VISIT BY THE MODERATOR 2006

It is not often that you have the Moderator of the Church of Scotland not only visiting your church but also conducting a baptism.

This memorable event occurred on a Sunday in June 2006 when the then Moderator paid us a visit. On that occasion, my grandson, Duncan Thomas Nugent was being baptised, and the Moderator graciously performed the service.

The Moderator, the Right Honourable Rev. Alan McDonald, had three personal reasons for attending. He was an old student friend of our minister, Bill Armstrong. Additionally, my daughter-in-law's mother was a personal assistant to him in his church in St Leonard's, St Andrews. This special visit coincided with our church's 150-year anniversary (1856-2006).

Any christening of your grandchildren is a special occasion, but this one was truly unforgettable. Both grandparents were extremely proud and will forever be grateful to Rev. McDonald for making it a day to remember.

Time flies, and our grandson is now 19 and studying at Aberdeen University for a degree in Genetics.

The Moderator the Right Reverend Alan McDonald presented a candle holder to the church to commemorate his visit and his time as Moderator of the Church of Scotland.



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**PENNIES FOR  
CHRISTIAN AID**

The pennies total to date this year is £425. This is a great amount for this time of year. Thanks to everyone who donated.

# FAMILY NEWS

## SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Campbell Leslie

Ian McAdam

Billy Miller

Peter Hill

Liz McKenzie

Denise Anderson (Murphy)

Fiona Harper (Barr)

Jaclyn Miller

Heather Ledwith (Mitchell)

Margo Barnes

Annie Day

Gail Baxter

Campbell Sangster



*Baby Callan*



*David & Kim Kerr*



## NEW ARRIVALS

Victoria & Stuart Dunes - Baby Brodie.  
Grandparents Jim & Pat Thompson

Lauren & Tommy Cardiff, Baby Eleanor

Jamie McIntosh & Erin Lang, - Baby Callan  
Grandparents Ann McIntosh, Lyn & Charles Lang

## NEW WEDS

Tony Stafford & Paul Docherty  
Frazer & Carol Martin

David & Kim Kerr, Janice Kerr's son  
Keith & Mairi Loxam

## ENGAGEMENTS

Boyd Thomson & Marie Wilson

## GRADUATIONS

Harry Carmichael graduated as a Doctor from Southampton University. Son of Malcolm & Jen Carmichael, Grandson of Gilbert Carmichael and the late Rita Carmichael.

Colleen Erskine graduated BSC in Adult Nursing, daughter of Margaret & Matt Erskine.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jan & Brian Renfrew Ruby Anniversary  
Shirley & Andy Roche Ruby Anniversary  
Elaine & Jim Freeman Golden Anniversary  
Margo & Norrie Barnes Golden anniversary

## SADLY PASSED

Eric Firth  
Florence Reid

# A GARDEN FOR THE COMMUNITY

Skelmorlie Village Garden, known as "A Garden for the Community," is more than just a green space—it's a living tribute to Eleanor McVicar, a woman whose compassion and creativity brought the village together during one of the most challenging times in recent memory.

Eleanor, even while in remission from cancer, was a vibrant force in Skelmorlie. She inspired unity through simple, yet powerful gestures, like painting stones with uplifting messages and images. These stones, which became known as part of the "Covid Snake," were faithfully delivered by her husband, Paul, and their dog, Smudge, to the village's residents. Through these acts, she offered comfort and connection when it was needed most, using social media to foster a sense of community even in isolation.

The garden that now flourishes in Skelmorlie is a testament to Eleanor's enduring impact. It was her wish for the village to have a place where people could come together, relax, and heal—a vision that continues to

bring solace and joy to the community. In the garden, a plaque on one of the benches honours her memory, and the stones she painted for Picture 20 Remembrance Sunday serve as lasting reminders of her kindness and strength.

Though Eleanor passed away in 2021, her spirit lives on in the heart of Skelmorlie. The garden she inspired is a place where the community gathers, united by the legacy of a woman who, even in the face of personal trials, dedicated herself to uplifting others.

Through this space, Eleanor continues to bring the village together, just as she did during the pandemic.







**Thank you to all who helped in any way at the Coffee Afternoon held in memory of Alastair O'May with all proceeds going to Ardgowan Hospice.**

We are extremely grateful to all who contributed in any way to this memorable afternoon..

The added bonus was that the sum of £2958.50 was raised on the day with

£1693.75 raised on the Just Giving page which includes Tax reclaimed. Bringing the final total raised to £4652.25 for Ardgowan Hospice.

Alaatair would not have believed the support we received in his memory. We are completely overwhelmed and extremely grateful to you all.

*The O'May Family*

## INVERKIP SENIORS KEEP FIT

As the days of relaxing and enjoying summer holidays come to an end, I'm sure that you will be thinking of getting back into shape. So what better to do than to come along to the Seniors Keep Fit Class which is held in the church hall every Friday morning from 10am till 11am.

Classes recommence on Friday 6th September under the watchful eye of Grace Gilchrist, who has promised to lead us gently into our fitness routine.

Clothing is 'comfortably casual' and, although Grace does all the exercises in bare feet, others prefer to use dance shoes or trainers. The exercises are not strenuous but do cover the whole body from the top of your head to be tips of your toes, and fingers. If you are at all interested, please come along on a Friday morning to see what we do.

*Anne Skedd*

# INVERKIP SUNDAY SCHOOL

As the school summer holidays come to an end, we hope all the children are enjoying being back at school. Normally the number of children attending church tends to fall over the summer, so we had some fun activities to do in the hall rather than traditional Sunday School.

However, now we are back into term time we have began learning about some stories from the Old Testament such as

Daniel and the Lions and by the end of the service we had some great artwork!

Most of the congregation will know that one of our leaders, Abigail, has been away in Spain and Peru for the last 10 months but she is now back from her travels and back to Sunday School. We are always looking for new volunteers to assist on a rotational basis. If you think you're the right person for the job please let Abigail or Lynsey know.

## BOOK BASKET

**Thank you to everyone who continues to support the book basket in Inverkip Church Hall.**

The money goes to My Life Matters, a project that supports young bereaved children and adults at Ardgowan Hospice, Greenock.

The project is trying to raise funds to renovate the only meeting/access room they have as it is not the best for their agenda.

The room needs to be painted and some new furniture bought so your money spent at the Book Basket is very very welcome.

If anyone would like further information re the project, or to further donate please speak to Joyce or Anne.

Keeeeeep reading.



## THE INVERKIP GUILD

Starts back on Monday, 30 September at 2 pm in the Bonomy Room of Inverkip Church Hall. We meet once a month and invite a selection of speakers to come along, after which we have refreshments and time to chat. Come along and join us, you will be made most welcome.

*For more information contact Kathleen 07850 047198.*

# AT THE BIRDTABLE

I'd love to say that, while writing this article, I am able to look out of the window and see the garden looking wonderful as the flowers, shrubs and trees continue to change on their journey through the seasons from summer into autumn.

In truth it's dreich, not just dreich, it's very dreich! For anyone not familiar with the expression the Concise Scots Dictionary provides at least six situations or circumstances when the term may be used (it's worth checking out – it's a most expressive adjective). In terms of this epistle "Dreich" applies to the weather, it's dreary, bleak, miserable. Unless you've had the good fortune to be on another planet this "Summer?" you'll know what I'm talking about.

We spent a longish weekend in Sittingbourne, Kent, at a family member's birthday celebration. The weather was extremely warm but I had hoped that I might have been able to see some of the birdlife on the southeast corner of England but unfortunately the opportunity didn't arise. I particularly wanted to see Avocets, striking black and white waders with long legs and a unique upturned bill, maybe the next time I venture south I'll see one (or more hopefully!).



Our resident garden birds have recovered from the frantic business of raising their broods and their plumage, having been somewhat tattered, is looking smart again and fit for winter. While there are normally lots of natural food stuffs available in the wild at this time of year, fruit, berries and seeds etc. it's now time to prepare for the winter so clean or replace old feeders, load them up and ensure that water is available, especially in the coldest weather.

Enjoy your birding, Dunnock

P.S. Common Cranes, (hunted to extinction in Scotland) spotted in Aberdeenshire, reported in previous ramblings, appear to be thriving.





# ECO PROJECTS

## **The Wemyss Bay Watch Litter Pick Group meets on the 2nd last Sunday of each month, excluding December.**

We meet at 10am in the carpark at the Community Centre in Wemyss Bay. Everything needed is provided. We usually pick for about an hour. Our numbers can be anything from 5 to 12. This is a photo I took in June. There were 9 of us that day but a few people including me weren't in the picture!

*Elizabeth Canning*



**Inverkip LitterKippers meet on the 3rd weekend of the month, alternating between a Saturday and a Sunday.** There are usually 12-15 people helping and we try to cover most areas of the village, Ardgowan Beach, the Point car park and slip roads at the old powerstation. We are lucky to have help from the local Cubs, Beavers and even the Squirrels who plan to get involved next month. All equipment is provided and we are out for approx 2 hours, although even if you can only manage for 30 minutes it would be appreciated. Forthcoming litter picks, meeting either at Inverkip Church Hall or Ardgowan Beach - Saturday, 21 September 10-12 noon, Sunday, 20 October 1-3 pm and Saturday, 23 November 10-12 noon.

*Lynne McBain*



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If you have any special celebrations please let us know.



## The last weekend in August saw the very first Skelmorlie Nature Festival.

Over 50 activities were held in and around Skelmorlie aimed at connecting with Nature and improving wellbeing. Activities were varied from tree climbing, natural arts, painting, sports and exercise classes, axe throwing, circus skills, meditation, breathwork, wild swimming, walks, flower crown making and even fire walking! All the events were busy and there was a great atmosphere as the community celebrated together on a rare beautiful sunny day.

The festival was a massive success with so much positive feedback from Skelmorlie and beyond. People are asking for a Skelmorlie Nature Festival 2025 so watch this space!



[www.skelmorlieenvironmenttrust.co.uk](http://www.skelmorlieenvironmenttrust.co.uk)

## A SENIOR'S VERSION OF FACEBOOK



For those of the older generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them “thumbs up” and tell them I “like” them. It all works just like Facebook. I already have four people following me: Two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

## The Importance of Walking

- I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.
- The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.
- I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing.
- I joined a health club last year, spent about £400 and have not lost a pound. Apparently, you have to go there.
- Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.
- If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.
- I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years,.....just getting over the hill

I have a pencil that used to be owned by William Shakespeare.  
But he chewed it a lot. Now I can't tell if it is 2B or not 2B!

**SHOE BOX APPEAL**

By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring hope this Christmas

shooboxappeal.org

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Through challenging days of restrictions and uncertainty, 84,655 boxes were delivered to people in need across Eastern Europe last winter. This winter we will again be sending shoeboxes to people in Ukraine, to neighbouring countries supporting Ukrainian refugees, as well as to those whose lives continue to be marked by poverty across Eastern Europe. Your support counts more than ever in 2024.

### BRING HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

Leaflets available in Churches and Church Halls. Filled boxes can be dropped off at the Food Bank on Wednesday 16th October between 1 and 3pm, and in the Churches by Sunday 27th.

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## SCRIPTURE CAKE

Here is a little history I found on hushpuppynation.com: Scripture cake was also known as “Bible Cake,” “Scriptural Cake” and “Old Testament Cake,” and was extremely popular in the latter part of the nineteenth century, especially in the southern Appalachians. The cake was meant as a way to teach young girls baking and Bible verses. The earliest recipe for this cake was published in the Atlanta Constitution on June 27, 1897. Some researchers believe the cake dates to the late 1700s in England or Ireland, while others claim the cake a favourite of Dolly Madison, wife of U.S. president James Madison.



The QR code will take you to the recipe. Good luck. Please let us know if you made the cake.

- ½ cup Judges 5:25, last clause
- 2 cup Jeremiah 6:20
- 2 Tbsp 1 Samuel 14:25
- 6 of Jeremiah 17:11, separated
- 1 ½ cup 1 Kings 4:22, first clause
- 2 tsp Amos 4:5, first clause
- a pinch of Leviticus 2:13
- 2 Chronicles 9:9 as desired
- ½ cup Judges 5:25, first clause
- 2 cup each 1 Samuel 30:12, chopped
- 2 cup Numbers 17:8, chopped

#### BURNT JEREMIAH SYRUP:

- 1 ½ cup Jeremiah 6:20
- ½ cup Genesis 24:45
- ¼ cup Genesis 18:8

#### GARNISH:

- sliced Genesis 43:11



## FOODBANK AND STARTER PACK

Your continued support for these wonderful organisations is even more important with rising costs which will hit the poor harder than ever.

Boxes are available at both church doors each Sunday if you are unable to attend the following collections below.

Please call Jean Benson 01475 520975 if you require items collected. Thank you so much.



### DATES FOR SEPT-NOV COLLECTIONS IN INVERKIP CHURCH HALL

Tue 17 Sept	Tue 15 Oct	Tue 19 Nov	6pm – 7pm
Wed 18 Sept	Wed 16 Oct	Wed 20 Nov	1pm – 3pm

On these dates we can also take Newspapers, Magazines and Envelopes for recycling by White House Products, plus Old Spectacles and Stamps.

**Foodbank requirements - Urgent Items** – Tinned Fruit, Rice Pudding, Pasta (500 Gms), UHT Milk (1 L), Breakfast Cereals. Also required – Soup, Rice, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Meat, Tinned Veg, Beans, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Biscuits and Snacks.

**Starter Packs requirements** - Ladies, Gents and Children's Toiletries, Kitchen and Bathroom Cleaners, Kitchen and Toilet Rolls, Dish Cloths and Scourers. Good quality bedding and towels but no duvets unless new. Dishes, pots and pans.



## COUNTRY DANCING



Even if you have not danced at all or not since at school, you will be made most welcome (we are a friendly lot). All that is needed is soft shoes. Dancing is good for both your mind and your body.

**Inverkip Country Dancing** meets Thursday, 7.30pm in Inverkip Church Hall. For more information call Kathleen on 07850 047198.

**Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay** Dancing meet Wednesday at 7.30pm in Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Church Hall. For more information call Janet on 520316.

# GENERAL NOTICES

## CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS

Can all scheduled Inverkip Church Hall users please notify me when they are not meeting. Thank you.

### Inverkip

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## HEATING ISSUES

If you experience any problems with the heating in the Inverkip Church Halls please contact-

### Inverkip

Jim Brown - 07399 449094

### Skemorlie & Wemyss Bay

David Johnston - 07926 898148

## Church Flowers

Once again, thanks to all who contribute to putting flowers in the Church, Sunday by Sunday, and to all who help deliver them. If you would like to help by putting flowers in the Church please let me know as they are always greatly appreciated by anyone who receives them.

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Help the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) improve nutrition, improve agricultural productivity, create youth employment and mitigate the impact of the climate crisis. The CCAP project, Firmly Planted, aims to establish self-sustaining tree nurseries to nurture and protect the environment and protect livelihoods for households and communities.

Please leave your used stamps at the Church Door or in the Church Hall



# ROWAN McVICAR

## FIRST STEP TO STARDOM

It was class to be given the opportunity to play my first gig in Glasgow @ Classic Grand. It was unreal to see so many friends and family in the crowd who made the effort to travel up on Thursday, 29 August. Cheers for everyone's support and thanks to Bruce Benson for the fab photo.

## CHURCH SERVICES

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Sunday 10.00am Inverkip Church

Sunday 11.30am Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Church

## REGULAR EVENTS

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71st Beavers	Mon	6.30-7.30pm	Skel Com Centre
71st Cubs	Mon	6.30-8.15pm	Skel Scout Hall
WB Scouts	Tue	7-9.30pm	WB School
Badminton	Mon	7.45pm	Inv Church Hall
Foodbank & Starter Packs	3rd Tue of month	6-7pm	Inv Church Hall
Friendship Circle	Tue fortnightly	2-4pm	SWB Church Hall
Quilting Class	Wed	10-12pm	SWB Church Hall
Foodbank & Starter Packs	3rd Wed of month	1-3pm	Inv Church Hall
Bible Study	Wed fortnightly	2pm	SWB Church Hall
85th G&D Squirrels	Wed	5-6pm	Inv Church Hall
85th G&D Beavers	Wed	6-7pm	Inv Church Hall
85th G&D Cubs	Wed	6-7pm	Inv Church Hall
85th G&D Scouts	Wed	7-9.30pm	Inv Church Hall
71st Explorer Scouts	Wed	7-9pm	Skel Scout Hall
Country Dancing	Wed	7.30pm	SWB Church Hall
WB Beavers	Thur	6-7pm	WB School
WB Cubs	Thur	6-7.15pm	WB School
Cafe Church	Last Thur of month	7pm	WB Station Cafe
Country Dancing	Thur	7.30pm	Inv Church Hall
Seniors Keep Fit	Fri	10-12pm	Inv Church Hall
71st Scouts	Fri	7-9pm	Skel Scout Hall
Sunday School & Creche	Sun	10.10am	Inv Church Hall

# FOR REGULAR EVENTS AND CHURCH SERVICES SEE OVERLEAF

## OTHER EVENTS

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### SEPTEMBER

Sat 21	Gillian's Saltire Coffee Morning	10-12pm	SWB Church Hall
Sat 21	Litter Pick	10-12pm	Inv Church Hall/Ardgowan Beach
Sun 22	Litter Pick	10am	WB Com Centre
Wed 25	Country Dancing	7.30pm	SWB Church Hall
Thu 26	Cafe Church	7pm	WB Station Cafe
Fri 27	Quiz Night	7.30pm	Inv Bowling Club
Sun 29	Doors Open Day	1-3pm	Inv & SWB Church Bldgs
Mon 30	The Guild	2pm	Inv Church Hall

### OCTOBER

Tue 1	Friendship Circle	2pm	SWB Church Hall
Wed 2	Bible Study	2pm	SWB Church Hall
Sun 6	Joint Communion	11am	SWB Church
Thur 10	Soul Searching	6.30pm	SWB Church Hall
Mon 14	SWI (Rural)	2pm	Inv Church Hall
Tues 15	Friendship Circle	2pm	SWB Church Hall
Tue 15	Foodbank & Starter Packs	6-7pm	Inv Church Hall
Wed 16	Foodbank & Starter Packs	1-3pm	Inv Church Hall
Sun 20	Litter Pick	10am	WB Com Centre
Sun 20	Litter Pick	1-3pm	Inv Church Hall/Ardgowan Beach
Mon 28	The Guild	2pm	Inv Church Hall
Tues 29	Friendship Circle	2pm	SWB Church Hall
Thur 31	Cafe Church	7pm	WB Station Cafe

### NOVEMBER

Mon 11	SWI (Rural)	2pm	Inv Church Hall
Tues 12	Friendship Circle	2pm	SWB Church Hall
Thur 14	Soul Searching	6.30pm	Inv Church Hall
Sat 16	Film Night	7.30pm	Inv Church Hall
Sun 17	Litter Pick	10am	WB Com Centre
Tue 19	Foodbank & Starter Packs	6-7pm	Inv Church Hall
Wed 20	Foodbank & Starter Packs	1-3pm	Inv Church Hall
Sat 23	Litter Pick	10-12pm	Inv Church Hall/Ardgowan Beach
Mon 25	The Guild	2pm	Inv Church Hall
Tue 26	Friendship Circle	2pm	SWB Church Hall
Thur 28	Cafe Church	7pm	WB Station Cafe
Sat 30	Christmas Fayre	10-12pm	SWB Church Hall