

CHURCH ROTAS

FLOWER ROTA

Feb 6 Mr & Mrs G Trapp
13 Eber Family
20 Wedding Flowers
27 Mrs J Steel
Mar 6 Mr & Mrs A Croucher
13 Mr & Mrs J Lowe

FRIDAY TEA & COFFEE

Feb 4 Mrs M McFarlane & Mrs J Whyte
11 Mrs W Monteith & Mrs J Rennie
18 Mrs A Brown & Miss D Thomas
25 Mrs M Stevenson & Mrs J MacFarlane
Mar 4 Miss J Morrison & Mrs E Wilson
11 Mrs H Algie & Mrs E Paterson

ORDERS OF SERVICE PHOTOCOPYING

Feb 4 Frances Lynn
11 Evelyn Wilson
18 Jean Robison
25 Joan Ellis
Mar 4 Dorothy Thomas
11 Frances Lynn

FRONTIER PHOTOCOPYING (Last week of previous month)

Feb Dorothy Thomas
March Jean Robison
April Evelyn Wilson
May Duncan McKillop & Ken MacArthur
June Dorothy Thomas

COWAL FOR CHRIST PRAYER MEETINGS

Held on first Sunday of each month at 8.00 pm as follows, everyone welcome:

Sunday 6th February

St John's Church

Sunday 6th March

Dunoon Baptist Church

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Congratulation to Donald and Jean Robison who celebrate their Pearl Anniversary on 14th February! May you enjoy many more happy years together!



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Any items for the March edition of Frontier to be with the Editor by Sunday 20th February, publication will be Sunday 27th February. Contributions can be e-mailed to: marion.fyfe@yahoo.co.uk - thank you

Parish and Church Register

Deaths

“In My Father’s House are many mansions....”

23 December Mrs Laureen Mettler, Ardenlee Nursing Home, sister of Bill & sister-in-law of Liz Jackson

27 December Mr Alf Johnstone, Crawford Lane, husband of Effie, father of Ernest, Campbell and Brian

22 January Mr Adam Wright, Fairhaven, husband of Jean, father of David and Stephen

We remember their families in our prayers.

WITH THANKS

I would like to thank all who phoned, sent cards and visited me after I had my knee replacement surgery. My grateful thanks especially to all who gave practical help. It was all much appreciated.
Margaret Pearson

COG NEWS

Our final two meetings of 2010 were affected by the weather. On the evening Paul Beautyman joined us to talk about his youth work, a number of our members could not travel on the icy roads. Our Christmas dinner the following week again was when we had slippery roads, but everyone managed to find their way safely to the Royal Marine Hotel where we had a very enjoyable evening.

2011 started with weather difficulties and flu problems. On 12th January our minister was due to speak with our president Janet Hunter to take the meeting but unfortunately both had flu as did some members, so our meeting was cancelled. On 19th January Mrs Mae Collier spoke about her membership of the ‘Soroptimists’ and the January meetings concluded with Sandy Macpherson speaking on his work in prisons.

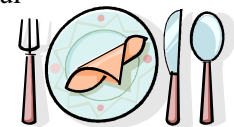


Now we come to February: the meeting on 2nd is a members’ night, on 9th Sheila McKechnie will talk about integrated care. We look forward to a visit from the Guides on 16th then a Scottish quiz for us to solve on 23rd set by Julian Hill.

Any member of the congregation or visitor who has a free Wednesday evening is welcome to join us in the Church Centre at 8.00 pm.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

As we begin another year of lunches on a Wednesday in the Church Centre, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the ladies and gentlemen who come along each week to help. Under Jim Lowe’s watchful eye, we served 2,339 people last year and put into Church funds £6,780 which is a really terrific amount.



It’s not only the delicious soup, snacks and summer puddings we all enjoy, but it’s being able to chat to one another and enjoy the company of people outwith our own Church members.

So do come along and joins us, you will be made most welcome!

Jean Robison

SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 PENCE CHARITY APPEAL

Christmas and New Year are over, the weather is cold, icy and miserable but the evenings are getting a bit lighter and you are all still collecting faithfully 5 pences for our appeal.



We have £145 collected for HIPPO in MALAWI. We will continue saving until we find out when MR JOHN CHALLIS is going out to MALAWI and we

will give him our conation to take with him.

We hope you enjoyed our involvement with the Christmas service and we hope to participate at Easter.

Thank you to all our collectors.

From all at the Sunday School

SOCIAL AND FUND RAISING COMMITTEE NEWS

On behalf of the fund raising committee we wish to thank all those who contributed to the success of the Craft Fayre in November, those who contributed to the craft stalls, ladies who made and served the teas, everyone who baked for the occasion and of course everyone who came and enjoyed the company of their friends over a cup of tea.

Please put the following dates in your diary for this year -

- March 27th - Proposed date for Kim's Weakest Link (afternoon)
- May 28th - Spring sale + plant sale
- August 24th - Kirn Gala with church stall similar to previous years
- October 1st - Willie Ferguson's Quiz Night (including apple pie)
- November 19th - Proposed Craft Fayre
- December 18th - Carols by Candlelight in the Church Centre

The committee handed out Smarties tubes to members in Church as a 'thank you' for their support to date and hopefully a continued 'saving of 20p' Last year we all collected £1500.00 Lawther's favourite quote: 'Little acorns and all that'

MINISTER'S LETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2011

It may feel some time since our celebration of Christmas, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped enhance our Worship experiences over this festival time in the Church.

Hilary Mitchell and the choir led us in an inspiring and warm Carol Service, with a good attendance despite the icy conditions. We are encouraged by their weekly contribution to worship, but perhaps they will consider leading a Songs of Praise for us around Easter!

The Flower Committee under the guidance of **Maureen Robinson** decorated our sanctuary beautifully with green and red foliage arranged around candles.

The Sutherland and Robison families brought in the tree and decorated it before our Gift Service.

The Sunday School with the help of **Janet Mackellar and all the other teachers** prepared a Nativity Presentation to help the congregation journey towards Bethlehem.

To all of you who were a part of our Christmas worship, thank you for your participation from the pews or the organ or the front. To those who missed being in church because of the icy weather, we pray you were still blessed by God in your homes through Services of Carols and Nativity Plays broadcast around the country and the world.

Here we are, then, more than a month into 2011. This year gives us an opportunity to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the publishing of the King James Version of the Bible. This may be a version close to the hearts of some in the Church. It may well have been the version we were 'brought up with'.

Whatever version of the Bible we prefer, let us use this anniversary year to read and read and read some more of this precious Book which witnesses to the activity of God in the life of the world from Creation to the coming of Christ to the life of the early Christian Church. In Sunday morning services we are going to journey through a Bible alphabet with the children, looking for people or things in the Bible beginning with a particular letter.

The letter 'A' reminded us of the ark, animals, angels, Adam, Abel, Abraham, Aaron, Andrew and apostles.

The letter 'B' spoke to us of birds, babies, baptism, bread, blood, boats, branches, basket, bulrushes, burning bush, Bethlehem, Bethany, Benjamin, Barabbas, Bartimaeus, Beatitudes and Barnabas.

The letter 'C' proclaimed Christ, His crown of thorns and His cross, the covenant with God our Creator, the challenge of the commandments, communities like Capernaum and Caesarea, Christians like Cleopas and churches like Corinth.

If you cannot join us on Sundays, you can still journey with us by thinking your way through the Bible alphabet at home.

With the adults we have begun a different journey through the Bible, choosing a passage or a theme or a person from one book each Sunday.

We began with Genesis and Abraham, the man famed for his faith.

In Exodus we met Moses, the man who met God through the burning bush and on Mount Sinai, where he received amongst other things the Ten Commandments.

In Leviticus (not the most popular of books) we thought of the significance of the rituals and rules of Old Testament faith, giving us some understanding of the need to be holy because God is holy. Ethical challenges also came our way which are just as relevant today as they were many centuries ago.

Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel.....on we go through 2011 with our Bibles in our hands.

It may not be easy to read through the whole Bible in a year, but if we can at least dip into each book of the Bible, then we might get a broader view of our Old Testament roots and develop a deeper understanding of our Lord's life and teaching, of the faith and experiences of His followers, and our own calling to be Christ's people in our day and our part of the world.

Let us make 2011 a year to ENJOY taking a fresh look at the Bible.

HAPPY READING!!

With every blessing Sarah Nicol.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH GUILD NEWS

Meeting on Thursday 17th February 'Malawi Afternoon'

Meeting on Thursday 3rd March 'Mission Aviation Fellowship'

World Day of Prayer on Friday 4th March

All meetings open to all members of the congregation, 2.00 pm in St John's Church hall, everyone welcome!

REPORT ON THE CRAFT FAYRE (held in November)

Were you there? Did you feel the buzz? Did you get caught in the crush? Could you find a seat?

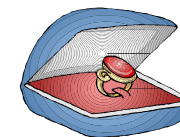
NO, not the January sales but Kirn Parish Church FIRST Craft Fayre!!

In the main hall were floral table decorations, potted plants, hand crafted wooden gifts, jewellery, cross-stitch pictures, calendars, footstools, cards, gift tags, the Sunday School had a great variety of decorations and knick-knacks, cushions, hand made sweets. As always the popular home baking stall with Jim Lowe in charge.

On the stage, a little Bric-a-Brac and book stall raised £80.00

Margaret and John Nicol wonderfully displayed second-hand jewellery raising £100.00 from bits and pieces.

The atmosphere was electric!!! The stalls were busy, the trade brisk, the tearoom was packed, at one point we ran out of seats!!! The air was filled with the glorious aroma of fresh warm mince pies and coffee. The girls in the kitchen were exhausted by their own success.



Lawther presented Dougie with 'The Snowman' at the Wednesday lunches Where the one or two little stocking fillers left were sold and raised another £60.00 Mr McGregor went home with Fiona Manwell; Caitlyn Meaney will be cosy, wrapped up in the beautiful bedspread, the knots? 7484

Everyone was delighted Liz Jackson took home the fantastic cake baked and wonderfully decorated by Kristine Cowieson. The weight, spot on at 9lbs 3½ oz. Everyone who took part went home elated.

'Could we do it again next year?..... Watch this space!!!

I have heard that already some crafters are planning next year, talk of searching out new crafts, new templates and new themes. If you have an idea, and like me have two left hands and what feels like four thumbs, pass on your suggestion. I am blessed by a wonderful team who step up to the plate every time.

Next year we hope to bring in a few different nights for your enjoyment.....watch this space!

*Lawther Murchison Chair of Social and Fund Raising Committee
(see also page 6 for more Social & Fund Raising news)*

