

CHURCH ROTAS

FLOWER ROTA

Mar 6 Mr & Mrs A Croucher
13 Mr & Mrs J Lowe
20 Mrs M More
27 Mrs M Pearson
Apr 3 Mrs Batty
10 Mrs Moore

FRIDAY TEA & COFFEE

Mar 4 Miss J Morrison & Mrs E Wilson
11 Mrs H Algie & Mrs E Paterson
18 Mrs M McFarlane & Mrs J Whyte
25 Mrs W Monteith & Mrs J Rennie
Apr 1 Mrs A Brown & Miss D Thomas
8 Mrs M Stevenson & Mrs J
MacFarlane

ORDERS OF SERVICE PHOTOCOPYING

Mar 4 Dorothy Thomas
11 Frances Lynn
18 Evelyn Wilson
25 Jean Robison
Apr 1 Joan Ellis
8 Dorothy Thomas

FRONTIER PHOTOCOPYING (Last week of previous month)

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 March
Sunday 3rd April

High Kirk
St John's Church

HELP NEEDED!

I am seeking assistance from all home dressmakers/curtain makers. Do you have any remnants (1/2 metre +) of left over material surplus to your requirements? I am planning to make household goods for the Craft Fayre in November.....nothing like starting early! All offers gratefully received as the least spent on materials the more profit for Kirn Church. Please contact **Pat Evans** to discuss, Tel: 704123 or e-mail hpms-bhenn@tiscali.co.uk.

Many thanks



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SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 PENCE CHARITY APPEAL

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

Parish and Church Register

Welcome of New Member

“Though we are many, we are one body in Christ.”

We welcome Mrs Margaret Bennie of Lochan Avenue from Lochgoilhead Church.

Wedding

“Faith, hope and love abide, but the greatest of these is love.”

19 February Matthew Jack & Joanne McCorquodale

Kirk Session News

The Kirk Session has appointed Mr. A. Hunter as its new Session Clerk. This comes after a period of prayer and careful consideration. Mr. Hunter will be assisted in his responsibilities by our Depute Clerk, Mr I. Black, who has worked hard on our behalf in the five months since the death of Mrs. Taylor. The office-bearers and congregation have pulled together so well in the difficult months that now lie behind us, and we look forward to continuing our service of Christ in this place.

With Mr Challis going to MALAWI sometime in March, we organised our money to go with him. We managed to collect £160 and were given a £50 donation from Miss Thomas. The Sunday School children signed a card for HIPPO, a few wrote letters and we sent some Dunoon postcards to remind HIPPO of some of the places he would have seen when he visited us a few years ago.



HIPPO always keeps in contact with us and I am sure he will let us know how our money has helped his work with the children in his care.

As **RED NOSE DAY** is coming up soon and they are emphasising the need for mosquito nets, I think our next project will be to buy as many as we can as they will make a big difference to the health of many adults and children. I hope you will approve of this decision. Our thanks to all our supporters and collectors.

From all at the Sunday School

THE RAVEN TRUST

A container was packed in Strachur on Wednesday 9th February and left Greenock on 18th February. It contained 1096 boxes including a large autoclave for Ekwendene Hospital and all the boxes of suits, baby clothes and children's clothes, blankets and hospital packs. John Challis will go out to Malawi in the middle of March with a list of tasks including the clinic suite in Moloe.



WRITTEN IN THE STARS

Dunoon Grammar staff and pupils were all deeply saddened by the death of Mrs Moira Taylor, Support for Learning Teacher and PT Guidance. For over 20 years, Mrs T (as she was affectionately known) was a much-loved and valued member of staff who contributed a great deal to the life of the school both as a teacher and PTA member. The staff and pupils were represented at her funeral service in Kirn Church and Mrs Taylor's Guidance year (S5) lined Ardenslate Road as her cortege passed by her beloved school. A Book of Condolence was filled with signatures and messages from pupils and staff and this has been passed to Mr Taylor. S5 pupils are currently raising funds for Cancer Research UK, a charity supported by Mrs Taylor, and have arranged to have a star named in her honour.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH GUILD

March 3rd Public meeting in St John's Church Hall 2.00 pm
'Mission Aviation Fellowship'

March 4th World Day of Prayer

March 17th AGM Bring and Buy

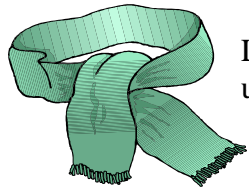
March 24th Cowal Handbell Ringers



Meetings held in St John's Hall on alternate Thursdays at 2.30 pm unless otherwise indicated. Open to all members of the congregations of St John's, Sandbank and Kirn churches.

A GREAT IDEA

Another fund raising idea has one or two of us with clicking knitting pins hard at work!



Lawther introduced us to a knitting wool that knits up to lovely 'Jabot style' tiers. They can be worn edge to edge or long enough to be tied in your usual style. There are some lovely colours to choose from, even one which is described as Tartan and when you see it you will know why!

If you would like a scarf, hand knitted 'JUST for you' come to coffee after the service any Sunday and see them for yourself. They cost £10.00. Alternatively phone 703858 and order 'on line'. (Telephone-line!)

Some of the colours are getting hard to source, so if you have considered one, maybe for a present you need in June /July, please order the colour NOW and I will keep it until needed. This is fashion wool and will eventually be replaced with the next 'quirky' style. The scarves have now raised £120 and paid for two new banners for use by Kirn Church to advertise its sales/afternoon teas etc.

MINISTER'S LETTER FOR March 2011

As we continue our journey through the Bible in this 400th anniversary of the publishing of the King James Version of the Bible I would like to thank everyone for entering into the spirit of learning and worship, searching your Bibles for people, places and things beginning with different letters of the Bible.

A, B & C were mentioned in last month's edition of Frontier. Since then we have continued through our Bible alphabet from D to G.

The letter 'D' makes us think of Daniel in the lions' den, Deborah, Delilah, dust, donkeys, dogs

The letter 'E' reminds us of Eli, Elijah, Elisha, Esther, Ezra, Ezekiel, Elizabeth, Egypt, Ephesus, elders, evangelists, embroiderers

The letter 'F' introduces us to the fulness of the Father's fellowship, forgiveness, friends, followers, fruit, faith, family, farmers and fishermen.

The letter 'G' leads us to God, the Gospel of grace, goodness, gentleness, Galilee, the Garden of Gethsemane, Golgotha, Gabriel, Gaza and Galatia.

This Bible Alphabet seems to be catching on with all ages! 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 are continuing our other journey through the Bible, choosing a passage or a theme or a person from one book each Sunday.

Genesis, Exodus and Leviticus kept us busy in January. In February we have reflected on the stories within Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua and Judges.

Numbers was rather depressing in its record of the moans and groans of the nomadic Israelites, and yet it also shows how patient and gracious God was in providing for their daily needs.

Deuteronomy was a kind of revision document, reminding the people of the way God had guided and provided for them in their wanderings through the wilderness and reminding them of responsibilities and duties of their covenant with God. However, it also looked forward to generations as yet unborn, underlining the importance of sharing your faith stories and experiences with your children and grandchildren, so that they, too, might come to learn of the wonderful care of God through all the ups and downs of life.

Joshua contains the famous stories of the spies going into Canaan, of the crossing of the River Jordan and of the battle of Jericho with its walls

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falling down, but it also challenges us to make our own decision about who we are going to follow and honour in life. "Choose this day whom YOU are going to serve. If you are not willing to serve the Lord, then choose whom you will serve. As for me and my family, WE will serve the Lord."

The book of Judges took us on a roller-coaster ride through nearly four centuries of people fighting over the Promised Land, wavering in their devotion to God, yet when trouble and oppression arose crying out to God who raised up new leaders or judges for them such as Deborah, Gideon and Samson. Again and again they found the Lord to be a merciful and delivering God who is more gracious than His people are faithful.

Parts of the Old Testament may not be easy reading, but we can learn from their witness to the weakness and waverings of man, and the faithfulness and graciousness of the Lord.

I hope as 2011 and our journey through the Bible progresses that we will find many things to challenge and inspire us on our way!

HAPPY READING!!

With every blessing, Sarah Nicol.

Liaison Committee

The Kirk Session received a report from the Liaison Committee, who had met with a representative from Presbytery. Discussions had taken place about some of the practicalities surrounding the upcoming linkage of Kirm with St. John's and Sandbank. The linkage will take effect from 3rd May, and it is intended that the first Sunday Service of the Linked Charge will be a united service in St. John's Church. A date has still to be fixed by Presbytery for the formal service of Linkage.

Summer Youth Camp

A report was received on a Youth Camp being organised by Rev. Paul Beautyman, one of the Presbytery Youth Ministers. This will take place in August. The camp is being named EXP11. More details will be available as the planning progresses.

The Communion Roll was attested as at 31st December as 325 members.

Kirk Session Dates

28 April

23 June

6 October

Congregational Board Dates

28 March

26 May

8 September

5 December

7 November

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STATED ANNUAL MEETING

It has been agreed by the Congregational Board that, on a trial basis, the Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation will take place after morning worship on Sunday 27 March 2011 in the North Aisle of the Church.

There will not be any "After Church Fellowship" on this date and as many members as possible are asked to make their way to the North Aisle immediately after the service to receive the Annual Accounts of the congregation and elect any additional members to serve on the Board.

There are at present seven members who have served for three years and are eligible for re-election in addition to two vacancies. Two of the members eligible have indicated that they do not wish to be re-elected which leaves four vacancies to be filled should it be agreed to re-elect the other five. Nomination forms for this purpose are available either from myself or at the Church door and members are reminded to obtain the consent of the person nominated prior to submitting their name.

An agenda for the meeting together with Minutes of last year's meeting and a copy of the Annual Accounts will be available for information at the Church from Sunday 13 March 2011.

The Board hopes that this change to our previous arrangements for the meeting will be successful and asks for the support of the congregation by their attendance on this occasion.

Andrew Cook Clerk to the Congregational Board

COG NEWS

Cog's February meetings are now completed. Our Members' Night on 2nd was very successful when a number of our members spoke about special events in their lives. The following week Sheila, Caroline and Susan gave us interesting information on help available from NHS Highland: Occupational therapy, Physiotherapy and home nursing for older people. A visit from the Guides persuaded us we were all young again when 13 Guides and 2 leaders joined us the next week with a short talk about their guiding experiences. We joined them to

remember our days at the camp fire when we sang camp songs. For the final meeting in February, Julian Hill gave us a Scottish Quiz evening. Now we look to 2nd March with a visit from Sandra Cooksley, then Ann Shaw on 9th will speak on TV production, Graham Thomas on Nature Notes on 16th and then Dunoon Speakers Club, after which our session closes with the AGM on 30th March. And so another year is over.