

CHURCH ROTAS

FLOWER ROTA

Nov 6 The Tait Family
13 Remembrance Sunday
Mrs M Morrison
20 Mr & Mrs W McLean
27 Mr & Mrs J McCarron Dec 4
Dec 4 Mr & Mrs J Anderson
11 Mrs J Munro/Mrs B McLeod

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE

Nov 6 Lorna Croucher & Moira McFarlane
13 Margaret Jackson & Robyn Merritt
20 Alison Ireland & Charmaine Russell
27 Margaret Ross & Fiona Anderson

Please arrange a replacement if unable to fulfil duty

ORDERS OF SERVICE

Nov 4 Dorothy Thomas
11 Frances Lynn
18 Evelyn Wilson
25 Jean Robison
Dec 3 Joan Ellis
10 Dorothy Thomas

FRIDAY TEA & COFFEE

Nov 4 Mrs H Algie & Mrs E Paterson
11 Mrs J Whyte & Mrs M McFarlane
18 Mrs A Brown & Miss D Thomas
25 Mrs W Monteith & Mrs J Rennie
Dec 3 Mrs M Stevenson & Miss J Morrison
10 Mrs J MacFarlane & Mrs E Wilson

FRONTIER PHOTOCOPYING ROTA

Last week of previous month

November Evelyn Wilson
December Dorothy Thomas
Jan/Feb Jean Robison
March Evelyn Wilson
April Dorothy Thomas

COWAL FOR CHRIST PRAYER MEETINGS

Nov 6 St John's Church
Dec 4 Dunoon Baptist Church

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to proud new grandparents Bob and Hilary Mitchell on the birth of their first grandchild, a daughter Miah Lucy Mitchell born to Craig and Angela on 12th September at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow.

Welcome to the grandparents club, many congratulations!



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Any items for the December 2011/January 2012 Frontier to be with the Editor by Sunday 27th November, publication will be the following Sunday: 4th December, please note this magazine will be for two months. Contributions can be e-mailed to:

marion.fyfe@yahoo.co.uk - thank you

Services in Kirn Parish Church within the Charge of Central Cowal

Date	Kirn	St. John's	Sandbank
13 November	Mrs. G. Wilson	Rev. S. Nicol	Rev. S. Nicol
20 November	Rev. S. Nicol	Mrs. G. Wilson	Mrs. G. Wilson
27 November	United Service on the first Sunday of Advent for the three churches in Kirn at 10.30am		
4 December	United Service for the three churches in St. John's with the Salvation Army Band at 10.15am		

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Many congratulations to Harold and Winnie Monteith who have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

The members of Kirn Church wish to congratulate them on reaching this milestone in their lives and wish them many more happy years together



FLOWER CALENDAR 2012

The new calendar has now been completed and owing to the continued generosity of the congregation all dates have been filled. It will be on display at the back of the church for a few weeks in November – please check that your details are up-to-date.



If you do not wish to continue donating it would be appreciated if you could let me know in order that another member may have the opportunity to donate – thank you

Maureen Robinson 702903 (Flower Guild Convenor)

COG MEETINGS

Our meetings in October were varied and interesting: we started with a ‘Bring a Memory’ evening, then came something more energetic the following week with Lorraine Robinson demonstrating fitness with most members joining in. We then enjoyed Alan Shaw speaking about Zimbabwe and ended the month with a ‘Hypnotherapy’ evening with Kate McEwen.

November started with a ‘Bring and Buy’ sale and will be followed by Matt Downs’ talk on 9th November on the subject of the new Marina at Sandbank. We are looking forward to Michelle Fell demonstrating make-up, then will welcome Ann Galliard on 23rd with nostalgic views of old Dunoon. The month ends with a St Andrews night with the ‘Sound of Cowal’.

December starts with a demonstration by Kirn Church Ladies Flower Guild of Christmas arrangements, then we will enjoy our Christmas Dinner on 14th. As usual, all ladies are welcome to our meetings on Wednesday evenings at 8.00 pm in Kirn Church Centre.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE..... 19th November ... take note!!

Are shopping early...to spread the cost and see great ideas? Fairtrade items and cards are popular, many are unique and handcrafted these are available through Dorothy Thomas who will be delighted to give you a catalogue to browse through and take your order after church at coffee time. This is a win –win scenario, you win as the quality and prices are good, the recipient gets a great gift, and the producer gets a fair price...win,win,win

I have also seen some of the items being produced by our members for the fayre, teapot cover, mobile phone jackets, cards, new and good as new jewellery, tree decorations and our own Church calendar to name but a few.

Margaret Cook has knitted a super post box for our 100 square fund raiser and this will be available to donate to at coffee time.



Jim is up to his elbows in fruit so there will be jams and preserves. Tablet makers, home bakers. Are you out there knitting, sewing, and crafting, planning to be part of the great fund raising day? If so could you let Lawther, Maureen or Anne Muir know to help us make a floor plan to ensure all the crafts are shown to their best advantage? Thank you

Lawther Murchison Chair of the Social and Fund Raising committee

ST JOHN'S GUILD

Future meetings as follows;

Thursday 10th November: **2.00 pm** in High Kirk Hall: Ministries Council

Thursday 17th November: **2.30 pm** in St John's Hall: Eleanor McKay

Argyll & Bute Librarian

All welcome to the above meetings

Minister's Letter for November 2011

In our journey through the Bible we have reached Daniel – the man made famous by his night in a lions' den! His story is one often told to spellbound youngsters in Sunday School, many of whom seem to like a bit of a scary tale to fire their vivid imaginations! Compared to the computer games available to children today, what's a story of a night in a lions' den?!

However, the Biblical story of Daniel is about much more than a dangerous night in a pit. Daniel was a young man when he was taken into exile by the Babylonian invaders of his homeland. He came from an aristocratic family and was chosen with three of his friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to be trained for service in the court of the king. Daniel showed his wisdom in the way he was able to understand and interpret dreams and visions.

Despite living in a society with a multiplicity of 'gods' all four men remained loyal to their own faith in One God. At different times in their lives this brought them into conflict with the rulers of the day.

As a result of some political manipulations by critics of the Jewish exiles, Daniel's three friends were accused of refusing to obey the decree of the king that everyone had to bow down and worship a Babylonian idol. Before having them thrown in the fiery furnace the king said to them, "Can any god save you from that?"

Their response shows that their faith was not one dependent or conditional on God answering their prayers or making life easy for them. "The God whom we serve may be able to save us, but even if He does not, we will not worship your idol."

What a challenge they are to all those who say, "I cannot believe in God because of the suffering I have endured or the suffering I have seen in the world." If we only believe when God makes everything good then our faith is more conditional than inspirational.

Miraculously, the three men came out of that awful punishment with not a hair singed. This produced a superficial response of 'wow' faith by the king, but that is the kind of faith that does not last.

Daniel's dangerous time came later, when he was reported for disobeying the king's order that for thirty days everyone could only pray to

him as if he were a god. Daniel openly continued his loyal worship of God, praying three times a day at his window facing Jerusalem. The king was distressed at having to hand Daniel over for the decreed punishment for his so-called ‘crime’ and said to Daniel, “May the God you serve so loyally save you!”

The king spent a troubled night thinking about Daniel and rushed to the lions’ den at dawn. He was delighted to discover that Daniel was unscathed, and decreed that from that day people should be free to worship the God of Daniel.

The message of Daniel’s book encourages believing people in every age to persevere in their loyalty to the One God. It does not promise an easy life for believers, but it affirms that we can remain loyal to God even when those around us are not sympathetic to our faith.

God may deliver us, or He may not.

God may answer our prayers in the way we hope He will, or He may not.

Our faith should not be dependent on our personal welfare and success.

Although in one sense our faith is the result of our experience of the bigger picture of the activity of God – in loving, forgiving and bringing us closer to Himself through Jesus Christ, in another sense it should be something which remains constant despite the smaller picture of our own daily experiences – which many not be all happiness and light

Daniel’s inspiring message is followed by Hosea’s, who through his own experience of a broken family life tries to teach his people to wonder at and rejoice in the greatness of God’s love which remains loyal to us even when our love is fickle and faltering. Like a father who nurtures his child and forever loves him even if he becomes wayward, like a husband devoted to his wife even when the love is not returned exclusively, so God’s love remains true – whatever happens and whatever we do. In different ways and out of different experiences Daniel and Hosea inspire us to thank God for His faithful love for us and to pray that with His help we may remain loyal to Him!

With every blessing, Sarah Nicol.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 PENCE CHARITY APPEAL

Our collection of 5 pences that is being collected to send to HIPPO in MALAWI is doing really well. We hope to send it sometime around Christmas, depending on when Mr Challis next goes out to that region. For those who don't know HIPPO, he is a missionary who visited Dunoon about 6 – 7 years with another missionary ALICE. He runs a home for orphaned children and always takes time to write and tell us what the money is being used for. Apart from the upkeep of the home, the money helps to pay for school fees for some of the poorer children to go to school. We know he really appreciates our effort.



The Sunday School is having a stall at the Craft Fair on 19th November and each child has made something for the stall, so please make sure you come and have a look at our stall. We have many new items and everything is reasonably priced!!

Thanks for taking an interest in our work and for your continued support.

From all at the Sunday School

INVEST IN PEACE

We live in a time of un-peace. In Asia, we continue to experience the negative impact of globalisation, which has widened the gap between the rich and the poor. Lingering conflicts erupt anytime into violence. Related to ethnic, ideological, political and economic issues, conflicts often get coated with religious differences. This un-peace is not only felt by humankind, but by the whole creation. Injustice is the root of un-peace. Christian Conference of Asia chose 'Called to Prophecy, Reconcile and Heal' as theme for 2011-15. This is to affirm our calling to *prophecy* where God's will for peace with justice needs to be heard: to *reconcile* where God's will unity and connectedness needs to be felt: and to *heal* where God's will for wholeness needs to be manifest. For us this is what it takes to be a peacemaker and a child of God.

Since peace is not simply the absence of conflict but the transformation of the roots of conflict, to be a peacemaker is not an easy thing. Jesus, our model peacemaker, did not have smooth sailing in doing God's mission to bring about peace with Justice. So we also cannot expect to have smooth sailing when we participate in God's mission today.

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