

## CHURCH ROTAS

### FLOWER ROTA

Oct 2 Harvest  
9 Mr C Downes  
16 Mrs B Finch  
23 The Kadwell Family  
30 Mrs E Hamilton  
Nov 6 The Tait Family

### FRIDAY TEA & COFFEE

Oct 7 Mrs A Brown & Miss D Thomas  
14 Mrs W Monteith & Mrs J Rennie  
21 Mrs M Stevenson Miss JMorrison  
28 Mrs J MacFarlane & Mrs E Wilson  
Nov 4 Mrs H Algie & Mrs E Paterson  
11 Mrs J Whyte & Mrs M McFarlane

### ORDERS OF SERVICE

Oct 7 Evelyn Wilson  
14 Joan Ellis  
21 Jean Robison  
28 Joan Ellis  
Nov 4 Dorothy Thomas  
11 Frances Lynn

### FRONTIER PHOTOCOPYING

**(Last week of previous month)**

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

### SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE ROTA

Oct 2 Lorna Croucher & Moira McFarlane  
9 Margaret Ross & Susan Wilson  
16 Eileen Stokes & Myra McArthur  
23 Julia McFarlane & Senga Wilson  
30 Margaret Leckie & Liz Jackson  
Nov 6 Lorna Croucher & Moira McFarlane  
13 Margaret Jackson & Robyn Merritt

### COWAL FOR CHRIST PRAYER MEETINGS

Oct 2 The High Kirk  
Nov 6 St John's Church  
meetings at 8.00 pm

*Please arrange a replacement if unable to fulfil duty*

### THE RAVEN TRUST

Hospital packs were made up on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and boxed ready to go to Strachur in the next week or two.

### TRAIDCRAFT



The Autumn catalogue is now available to be borrowed or taken away for later use. This contains Christmas cards, decorations etc A file of Christmas card samples will be available on each Sunday after the service, on Wednesdays at the Centre at the lunches and at COG. It will be available at other times from Dorothy Thomas (702446)



**FRONTIER**

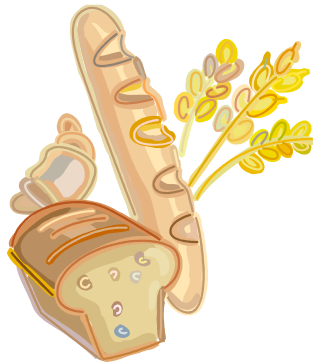
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## KIRN PARISH CHURCH

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### Congregational Family News



Congratulations to Gordon and Gladys Trapp who celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 24<sup>th</sup> September! What an inspiring example of love and dedication you are to us all! We send you both our love and good wishes at this special time of celebration

### Parish and Church Register

#### Baptisms

*“Let the children come to Me...”*

11 September Naomi McMillan, daughter of Mary Jane

#### Deaths

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

3 September Nairne Alastair Burnet, Marine Parade

14 September Joe Nixon, Eccles Road

We remember their families in our prayers.

## FLOWER CALENDAR 2012

We wish to thank all donors of flowers for the year 2011. As in 2011, we are very fortunate in that all Sundays have been taken up but occasionally one does become available, so if you would like to donate flowers please do not hesitate to speak to Maureen. Please keep in mind that if there happens to be a wedding on the same weekend as you have chosen we will have to ask you to change this date as we find it is impossible to arrange another pedestal on the same weekend.

For the information of new members in the church, the Flower Guild are happy to buy (with your donation), arrange and deliver (on the instructions of the Minister) as appropriate. Mrs Cowieson will phone you one month prior to your donation being required and the money can be given to her or to Maureen Robinson any time thereafter.

It would also be appreciated if Elders and members of the congregation could keep me informed of anyone who they think would benefit from receiving the flowers.

Any queries you may have please telephone Maureen Robinson on 702903 or Kristine Cowieson on 703118 – thank you



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)*

### ***CALLING ALL POTENTIAL DANCERS!!***

A Family Ceilidh for the three churches will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October in the Church Centre, tickets will shortly be on sale, so make a note of the date for your diary! And look out your dancing shoes! More information will be printed in the weekly Order of Service.



## THE 5 PENCE CHARITY APPEAL

It has been quite a while since we've sponsored a charity that is local to us and so far this month's charity is going to be the RAVEN TRUST. Because of all the economic troubles affecting us the trust is finding it difficult to find sufficient funds to cover all the transport costs and so we will be sending £70 to John Challis to help with his charity.

Another charity close to our hearts will be HIPPO in MALAWI and this will be our next charity for which we will be saving. HIPPO always responds so warmly and tells us exactly what the money is used for and this makes it feel so much more personal.



The Sunday School is back now after the holidays and although our numbers some Sundays are small we are working away hard and enjoying each other's company.

Thanks again to all our collectors because without your help we could not do as much as we are – thank you.

*From all at the Sunday School*

### ST JOHN'S CHURCH GUILD

The first meeting of the new Guild session will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30 pm in St John's Church Hall.

The speaker will be our Minister Rev Sarah Nicol. All members and friends of the congregation will be made most welcome.

Future meetings are as follows:

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30 pm Erskine Hospital

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at **2.00 pm** Public Meeting in High Kirk Hall for the Ministries Council

## Minister's Letter for October 2011

Dear Friends,

The year, this 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the publication of the Authorised Version of the Bible, is speeding by. I hope you have found our slow Scriptural journey both challenging and uplifting. We began with Genesis and have read and reflected our way through different styles of Biblical writing, reaching the prophet Ezekiel. This is definitely going to be a two-year journey!

Jeremiah was the equivalent of the 'son of a manse', his father being a priest! Jeremiah had grown up during the reigns of a series of bad kings of Judah, but when good Josiah came to the throne he initiated a wave of reformation and renewal in the worship and morals of his people. It was in this good king's reign that the young man, Jeremiah, was called to be a prophet. He was a sensitive man, and found it hard to have to bring God's message of challenge and judgment to his people. Jeremiah displayed great swings of emotion, weeping tears on behalf of his people on hearing of impending judgement, but at other times getting quite cross with the stubbornness of his people. He was sometimes even cross with God for putting him in such an unpopular role. However, he found that he could not refuse to speak God's message, for if he tried to keep silent, he felt as if the message was burning him up inside.

Jeremiah must have been a great support to good King Josiah. Unfortunately, he died in battle with the threatening Egyptian army, and the sons and grandson who succeeded him to the throne were weak political and spiritual leaders. Their vacillating reigns brought great suffering to their people – first at the hand of the Egyptians and then at the hand of the Babylonians.

Jeremiah lived during this time of great political turmoil in the Middle East (nothing new there). His life and message show us that religion does impact on politics - in that what we believe about God influences the way we live and the way we relate to others both within and between nations.

If we believe God is good and generous and merciful, then how can we refuse to care for others, to share His blessings and to show understanding and mercy? The best of the Old Testament agrees with the New that faith and actions belong together. Jeremiah saw that the problem was the hardness of our hearts, our selfishness at war with the call to obey the compassionate and unselfish laws of God. We need the Holy Spirit to write His righteous law in our hearts, to help us choose to do what is true, right and merciful as we walk with our God.

Following Jeremiah is a short collection of Lamentations, reflecting the sorrow of the time of the destruction of Jerusalem and asking if there was any hope left that God had not finally abandoned His people.

That leads us perfectly into the prophetic ministry of Ezekiel. Ezekiel was also a son of a priest. He was one of those taken off to exile in Babylon. There he was surrounded by people asking, “How can we worship the Lord here, by the rivers of Babylon, in this foreign land?”

In such a context the word of God came to Ezekiel in a mysterious vision of clouds and creatures on chariots. Ezekiel began his ministry with an experience of the holiness and ‘otherness’ of God which influenced all he said and did in the years which followed

He learned that God was present with His people even in the seeming hopelessness of exile. Vision after vision came to Ezekiel – warning of judgment and suffering for those Jews left in their homeland, now under the rule of Babylon, but also assuring him and his people that God had not abandoned them forever. There is always hope when God is present. Even the very dry bones in his vision of a desolate valley were able to be revived through the Breath or Spirit of God coming into them.

Even when the shepherds, their political and spiritual leaders, were failing in their responsibilities to care for their flock, all was not lost, for God would come and be their Shepherd. Of Ezekiel’s visions to be rather obscure, we are delighted to recognise pictures which come to us again in the Ministry of Jesus, the Good Shepherd sent by God. Jesus knew the writings of Ezekiel, and for that reason if none other, they are worth our study.

Our Bible journey continues. Let’s keep on reading and reflecting and reaching forward to the goal – which is a deeper knowledge of our Lord and a deeper appreciation of His patience with His people – generation after generation.

Thanks be to God who journeys with us through all the experiences of our life!

*With every blessing, Sarah Nicol*

### **Services in Kirn Parish Church within the Charge of Central Cowal**

Date	Kirn	St. John’s	Sandbank
9 October	Rev. S. Nicol	Mrs. G. Wilson	Mrs. G. Wilson
16 October	Mrs. G. Wilson	Rev. A. Stoddart	led by Elders
23 October	led by Choir	Rev. S. Nicol	Rev. S. Nicol
30 October	Rev. S. Nicol (Communion)	Mrs. G. Wilson	Mrs. G. Wilson
6 November	Mrs. G. Wilson	Rev. S. Nicol (Communion)	Rev. S. Nicol (Communion)

## COG MEETINGS

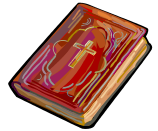
COG started its new session with a 'Fun Evening' on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, then enjoyed a visit from Gus Mackay, the chaplain at the Lodging House Mission in Glasgow on 21<sup>st</sup>. The month ended with a talk on the Blairmore Trust by Pam Horton.

October meetings are as follows:

- 5<sup>th</sup> 'Bring a Memory'
- 12<sup>th</sup> Fitness with Lorraine Robinson
- 19<sup>th</sup> Zimbabwe talk by Alan Shaw
- 26<sup>th</sup> Hypnotherapy with Kate McEwen
- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Bring and Buy Sale'

As usual, COG extends a warm welcome all members of the congregation to these meetings at 8.00 pm in Kirn Church Centre

## LORNA'S BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS



- |               |  |                |
|---------------|--|----------------|
| 1 Solomon     | 2 Ruth                                     | 3 Isaiah 9 v 6 |
| 4 Job 19 v 25 | 5 Nathanael (recorded in John 1 v 45 – 47) |                |
| 6 Solomon     | 7 Jesus                                    |                |
- Quotes:
- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Corinthians 13 v 11 | Timothy 1 v 18      |
| 2 Timothy 6 v 7       | 1 Peter 1 v 6       |
| 1 Peter 5 v 7         | Matthew 11 v 28     |
| John 8 v 32           | Matthew 6 v 28 – 29 |
| John 14 v 27          | Ephesians 4 v 26    |
| 1 Corinthians 13 v 13 | Acts 20 v 35        |
| Matthew 5 v 8         |                     |

The winner of the prize is: Margaret McVicar – congratulations to her!

## FAMILY NEWS

Congratulation to Hilary Cameron, the daughter of Marion Fyfe, who recently ran her first half-marathon in Glasgow in the very creditable time of 2 hours 15 mins and in the process raised over £750 for research into Pancreatic Cancer.  
Well done!

