

CHURCH ROTAS

FLOWER ROTA

May 8 Mr & Mrs J McCarron
15 Mrs Greer
22 Mr & Mrs R Stokes
29 Mrs M McFarlane
June 5 Mrs J Rennie
12 Mrs Withycombe

FRIDAY TEA & COFFEE

May 6 Mrs W Monteith & Mrs J Rennie
13 Mrs A Brown & Miss D Thomas
20 Mrs M Stevenson & Miss J Morrison
27 Mrs J MacFarlane & Mrs E Wilson
June 3 Mrs H Algie & Mrs E Patterson
10 Mrs M McFarlane & Mrs J Whyte

ORDERS OF SERVICE PHOTOCOPING

May 6 Joan Ellis
13 Dorothy Thomas
20 Frances Lynn
27 Evelyn Wilson
June 3 Jean Robison
10 Joan Ellis

FRONTIER PHOTOCOPYING (Last week of previous month)

May Dorothy Thomas
June Jean Robison
July/Aug Evelyn Wilson
Sept Dorothy Thomas

COWAL FOR CHRIST PRAYER MEETINGS

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

Sunday 5th June New Life Fellowship, Queen Street



Sunday 3rd July Dunoon Community Church, Victoria Road

John and Lillian Stirling are delighted to announce the arrival of another grandson Fraser, who was born on 1st April to Iain and Megan now residing at Hunter's Quay, a wee brother for Andrew and Lewis.



Many congratulations from the congregation of Kirn Church!



FRONTIER

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*Any items for the June Frontier to be with the Editor by **Sunday 29th May**, publication will be **Sunday 5th June**. Apologies that this will be a week later than normal, due to holidays – again!! Contributions can be e-mailed to: marion.fyfe@yahoo.co.uk - thank you.*

Parish and Church Register

Baptism

“The promise is to you and to your children...to all whom the Lord our God may call.”

24 April Matthew James Anderson-McGlin, son of Lynsey and John

Deaths

“In my Father’s house are many mansions....”

- 1 April Georgie Ross, Fountain Quay
- 2 April Morag Woodrow, formerly of Kirn church
- 18 April Marion Hutcheson, Ashgrove Residential Home
- 20 April Anne MacDonald, Cragroy
- 24 April George Davidson, Argyll Street
- 27 April Ella Scott, Struan Lodge

We remember their families in our prayers

COG NEWS

COG Members are now on their Summer holidays and hopefully looking forward to the next session.

Our final two meetings were enjoyed by everyone. We had an interesting evening with speakers from Dunoon Speakers Club. Our AGM gave us new committee members: Janet Hunter continues as President, as does Alison Ireland the Treasurer and Eileen Paterson, who all have one more year to complete on the committee.



We have a new Secretary: Marion Fyfe assisted by Jean Morrison and a new committee member Audrey Reid.

After the business part of the AGM, we all sat down to a 'Pot Luck' supper, supplied by everyone in the company. This ended our session of 2010/2011 with everyone having enjoyed a very good meal. We meet again in September when all members will be most welcome as will any new members.

CHRISTIAN AID

'We believe in Life before Death'

Hopefully, all collectors from past years will again be available for this year's collection week from 15th – 21st May.

If anyone is not available, please inform me as soon as possible –
thank you.

Margaret Jackson (703469)

TRAI DCRAFT

The usual items are still available but there are some new ones – dark chocolate with raspberries, dark chocolate with mint crisp, date and two varieties of biscuits. All these are available on Sundays and Wednesdays.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 5 PENCE CHARITY APPEAL

It's been a very busy month especially with Easter and the excitement of the Royal Wedding, so we at the Sunday School are delighted that you have remembered us with your 5 pence donations.

We have sent £80 to the Red Nose Appeal which was stressing how important it was to supply mosquito nets to families to try and stop the spread of malaria.

We have supported this cause before and feel it is important to try and help eradicate this disease that can be so very dangerous to especially small babies and children. We feel very lucky in this country that we can see a doctor at any time and be cured, so we hope this money will help some other children in Africa and other countries.



Continued thanks from all at the Sunday School

RAVEN TRUST

Copies of NewsLink are available at the back of the Church. This gives news of the containers which arrived safely in Malawi. John Challis left for Malawi on 12th March and will be working there for two months. In the meantime, we will continue to pack boxes for the next container.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS.

We have recently received information that the World Mission Appeal raised £2,409 throughout Scotland by donation of used postage stamps, more than double the amount of the previous year! The money raised will help support the Girls' Hostel at the St Columba's Training Centre, Sailkot, Pakistan.

We have also learned that we can continue to take the stamps to the Presbytery Office in Glasgow, please keep bringing in your stamps.

Minister's Letter for 2011 May

Since the last edition of the church magazine we have celebrated Palm Sunday and journeyed through Holy Week until we reached the joys of Easter Day with its empty tomb and encounters with the risen Jesus.

We had a wonderful Easter Day Service – with lots of visitors, many because of the baptism of Matthew James Anderson-McGlin. The Sunday School put on a puppet show about the Easter story and taught us a new song. The Table was decorated with a cross and Easter Gardens with an empty tomb. They also gave out crosses, which the older group had made, to every person in the church, and brightly decorated cakes were offered to people as they left the church.

Our progress through the Bible has therefore been slow, meeting only Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther since I last reported in Frontier. Ezra and Nehemiah were part of the returning exiles from Babylon, committed to the hard and even dangerous task of rebuilding their city walls, homes and temple. Nehemiah was the steady, reliable governor while Ezra was the priest who led the people in a reformation and revival of their faith and worship practices. We thought a little about our own building project – much smaller, but needing as much commitment and sacrifice. Are YOU willing to be a part of our CHURCH HALL BUILDING PROJECT?

Esther was a Jewish woman who won the heart of a Persian king, thus becoming his queen and finding herself in a position to save her fellow Jews from what could have been an ancient holocaust. We were maybe surprised to learn that Esther is only one of two books in the Bible that do not mention God, although its story does include Esther fasting and praying before interceding with her husband on behalf of the Jews. She made us think of all people who might be persecuted for their faith, and helped us think forward to Jesus' unjust suffering on the cross.

With the children we have reached the letter 'M' in the Bible alphabet quest. Many people were remembered – Moses, Miriam, Micah, Malachi and Melchizedek in the Old Testament, and Mary, Martha, Matthew, Mark and the Messiah in the New Testament. There were mothers to think about, and messengers and masters, miracles and mysteries, manna and mercy, so many marvellous words begin with 'm'!

Now that we are in May, the linkage of the three congregations of Sandbank, St. John's and Kirm, which has for a few years been in the background as 'deferred', is now real. We continue to have our separate congregations and sanctuaries, but we share a minister and a deaconess. We will continue much the same as we have been, but we will also be a little different. There will need to be some 'give and take' for all of us. We have had a good start with the joint services and social events of the past few years, so we are not strangers to each other's churches and traditions. Let us move forward into this new stage of our life as part of the Church in Central Cowal, rejoicing that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. Even though we have different 'worship places' we are worshipping the same Lord!

To mark our linking we will be having a joint service in St. John's Church on **Sunday 8th May at 10.15am (please note the earlier time)**.

The Presbytery are also planning a special service to mark the linking, but because of busy General Assembly and Presbytery schedules in May this will need to be later! June is also turning out to be unsuitable – because of various holidays for office-bearers! Looks like Presbytery will only get round to us in July. That service will be held in Sandbank Church (remembering that the Induction Service was held in Kirm Church).

In the month of May there will be significant 'organising' or administration work for me to do as we begin the linkage, but our deaconess and our elders will, as usual, be on hand to help with pastoral visiting. I know that you value the role of your own elders as they visit you in your homes to offer personal support. They are a great support to me, too!

If you feel that someone is particularly in need of ministerial support please get in touch directly or via your elder.

Glenda will also be involved in the leading of worship, moving around the three churches as required.

On occasions we will come together in the different churches for united worship. The 'Preaching Rota' will be published in the monthly magazine, so that you know where we are, even when you don't see us!

*With Christian love and blessings,
Sarah Nicol*

**Preaching rota for Kirn Parish Church
within the Charge of Central Cowal**

8 May at 10.15am Joint Service in St. John's Church for our first Sunday as part of the Linked Charge of Central Cowal (**NO service in KPC**)

15 May at 10.30am KPC – Mrs G. Wilson. (Rev. S. Nicol at St. John's & Sandbank)

22 May at 10.30am KPC – Rev. S. Nicol (Mrs G. Wilson at SJ/SB)

29 May at 10.30am KPC – Mrs. G. Wilson (Rev. S. Nicol at SJ/SB)

5 June at 10.30am KPC & 11.45am SB – Mrs. G. Wilson (Rev. S. Nicol at SJ for Communion)

A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

With Mr Sandy MacPherson 17th – 25th September 2011

In the Middle East, the reality on the ground is often far removed from what we see and read in the news. Places of pilgrimage are open and welcoming to visitors. It is planned that this programme for late summer is when the weather is ideal for touring. Visits will include: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee and Mount Tabor as well as allowing free time for relaxation and private exploration. There will be a walk along the Via Dolorosa, sail on the Sea of Galilee, take the cable car up Masada and have the opportunity to float on the Dead Sea. The Holy Land is unique in offering so many highlights and contrasts in such a compact area. Each day will be different from the previous day.

There are still a few places available for this trip, if you are interested please contact: **Sandy Macpherson on 707969** as soon as possible.