

CHURCH ROTAS

FLOWER ROTA

June 5 Mrs J Rennie
12 Mrs Withycombe

19 The Hay family
26 Mrs A Carnegie

July 3 The McIntosh family

10 Mr & Mrs A Cook

FRIDAY TEA & COFFEE

June 3 Mrs H Algie & Mrs E Paterson
10 Mrs M McFarlane & Miss D
Thomas
17 Mrs W Monteith & Mrs A Brown
24 Mrs M Stevenson & Miss J
Morrison

July 1 Mrs J MacFarlane & Mrs E
Wilson
8 Mrs H Algie & Mrs E Paterson

ORDERS OF SERVICE PHOTOCOPYING

June 3 Jean Robison
10 Joan Ellis
17 Dorothy Thomas
24 Frances Lynn

July 1 Evelyn Wilson
8 Jean Robison

FRONTIER PHOTOCOPYING (Last week of previous month)

July/Aug Jean Robison
September Evelyn Wilson
October Dorothy Thomas

COWAL FOR CHRIST PRAYER MEETINGS

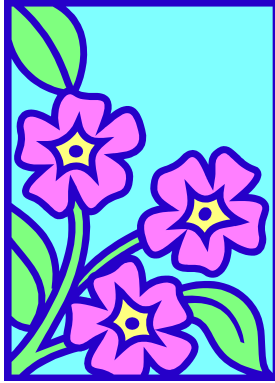
Held on first Sunday of each month at 8.00 pm as follows, everyone welcome:

Sunday 5th June New Life Fellowship, Queen Street

Sunday 3rd July Dunoon Community Church, Victoria Road

WITH MANY THANKS!

What a great day we had on Saturday 28TH May, the total was £2310.00 on the day and now stands at £2360.00! So the sore feet and hard work were worth it. On behalf of the Fund Raising Committee let me thank all the donors, the purchasers and especially my committee as they worked like Trojans preparing the sale.
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Any items for the July/August Frontier to be with the Editor by Sunday 26th June, publication will be Sunday 3rd July. Please note the next Frontier will cover two months. 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....”

6 May Gordon Wills, Marshall Court

20 May Doris Bryden, Clyde Street, Kirn and Ardenlee Care Home

27 May Archie Galloway, Ardenslate Road and Ashgrove Care Home

We remember their families in our prayers

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15th – 21st May

‘We believe in Life before Death’

This was a very successful week and we raised the grand total of £2,545. Many thanks to all who braved the weather and helped achieve this marvellous amount. *Margaret Jackson*

WHY THE CLIMATE REVOLUTION MUST BE A FAIR ONE

At the simplest level, climate change is not fair. Those at the heart of the Fairtrade movement, poor farmers and workers in developing countries (who have done least to cause the mess) are at the very frontline of the climate crisis. These communities report that climate change is already having a significant impact on their livelihoods and their wellbeing.

Poor farmers are renowned for their resilience in the face of adverse weather and other challenging conditions. However, as climate change creates ever more erratic weather patterns, farmers find their experience a less than reliable guide. In response to this unpredictability, poor farmers will often be pushed into lower risk and therefore less profitable activities. Without the right support they could sink ever deeper into a 'poverty trap', forced to concentrate on survival rather than following their aspirations and improving their lives.



By purchasing Fairtrade products, shoppers in Britain are ensuring that disadvantaged producers and workers receive a Fairtrade premium. This income can enable farmers to implement a range of environmental protection programmes which will contribute to the actions needed to address climate change. To give two examples, tea workers in India have invested some of their Fairtrade premium into replacing traditional wood-burning heating with a solar-panelled system. Coffee farmers in Costa Rica have used the premium to replant trees to prevent soil erosion and have invested in environmentally friendly ovens, fuelled by recycled coffee hulls.

All Fairtrade-certified producers are required to comply with the international Fairtrade environmental standards as part of the requirements of certification. This requires producers to ensure that they make environmental protection a part of farm management. Producers are also encouraged to minimise the use of energy, especially from non-renewable sources.

(By Faaiza Bashir, Fairtrade Foundation – taken from World Mission Feb/March 2011)

ANSWERS TO LORNA'S MUSICALS QUIZ

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|----|----------------------|----|------------------------|
| 1 | The Sound of Music | 2 | Carousel |
| 3 | Starlight Express | 4 | South Pacific |
| 5 | Annie Get Your Gun | 6 | High Society |
| 7 | My Fair Lady | 8 | Calamity Jane |
| 9 | Cabaret | 10 | Les Miserables |
| 11 | The King and I | 12 | Cats |
| 13 | West Side Story | 14 | Chicago |
| 15 | Phantom of the Opera | 16 | Evita |
| 17 | Half a Sixpence | 18 | Chess |
| 19 | Oklahoma | 20 | Mary Poppins |
| 21 | Brigadoon | 22 | Sweet Charity |
| 23 | Oliver | 24 | The Student Prince |
| 25 | Anything Goes | 26 | Can Can |
| 27 | Grease | 28 | Jesus Christ Superstar |
| 29 | Guys and Dolls | 30 | Show Boat |
| 31 | The Lion King | | |

Thank you once again to everyone who bought a Quiz. The winner of the book token is Morian Fletcher. Amount raised: £69.50

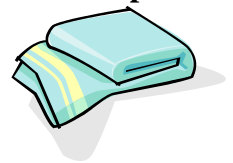
Lorna Croucher

AFTERNOON TEA FOR MALAW

Please make a note in your diaries for afternoon tea in the Church Centre on Sunday 24th July from 2 – 4 pm. Admission: **50p + one facecloth**, children *free*.

Offers of help and/or home baking will be welcomed!

Please contact Dorothy Thomas (702446)



TRAIDCRAFT NEWS

New items: two jams – peach and ginger and gooseberry. These will be found on both stalls on Wednesdays and Sundays with the usual items. Unfortunately, news has been received that prices of coffee have gone up, present stock still as before – **BUY NOW!!**

June 2011 Minister's Letter

On 8th May we enjoyed the opportunity to gather with our brothers and sisters from Sandbank and St. John's churches for a united service to mark the beginning of the linkage of our three congregations. The theme of the service was that it was not 'all change' but 'some change' for all of us. Adults and children responded well to the alphabet game, with everyone learning that we are incomplete without 'U' and 'I'.

Back in Kirn we continued our journey through the Bible with an encounter with Job and a dip into Psalms and Proverbs.

Job is famous for his righteousness, his suffering, his perseverance, although he did ask the question we all ask at times, "Why?" Why do good people suffer? Job is not given a simple answer by his friends or by God, but after lengthy debates with his devout friends (who did not always say the right things) Job discovers that even the best of human wisdom cannot fathom the depths of the wonder of the created world, never mind the depths of the Creator Himself. There are mysteries in human experience. There are some questions that will never find an answer.

What Job proclaims is a God so great that no answer is needed.

On another Sunday we rejoiced in the gift of the Psalms, the hymn book and prayer book of the Old Testament, an important part of the worship of the Jewish and Christian communities. We found Psalms for every experience in life – for times of joy and wonder when we want to praise God the Creator and the Redeemer, for times of sorrow when we seek comfort, for times of danger when we need protection, for times of uncertainty when we need God's guidance. There are Psalms for individuals and for communities, psalms acknowledging sin and seeking forgiveness. What a varied treasure is given to us in the Psalms. Let us make sure that the generations who follow us know that, too!

The book of Proverbs forms another part of the Old Testament Wisdom literature. We are introduced to Wisdom as a female personification, who calls out from the hilltops and the crossroads and the city gates, "O simple ones, learn prudence. O foolish men, pay attention.

Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is better than jewels, and all you desire cannot compare with her. He who finds me finds life and obtains favour from the Lord.”

There are a few chapters at the beginning and the end which are longer poems on wisdom and on the blessings of finding a good wife. In between there are hundreds of short sayings that warn us about the dangers of greed, anger, violence, laziness and injustice, and challenge us instead to treat the poor with kindness and justice, to work hard, to value true friendship, to be honest, loyal and generous. Somewhere in Proverbs we can all find a pearl of great value to challenge and inspire us.

Wherever our lives take us – may God’s Word be our guide, encouragement and strength. **KEEP READING!**

With every blessing, Sarah Nicol.

Services in Kirn Parish Church within the Charge of Central Cowal

Date	Kirn	St. John’s	Sandbank
5 June	Mrs. G. Wilson	Rev. S. Nicol (Communion)	Mrs G Wilson
12 June	Rev. S. Nicol	Mrs. G. Wilson	Rev. S. Nicol
19 June	Rev. S. Nicol	Mrs. G. Wilson	Mrs. G. Wilson
	Sunday School Prizegiving	Sunday School Prizegiving	
26 June	Mrs G. Wilson	Rev. S. Nicol	Rev. S. Nicol
3 July	Rev. S. Nicol	Rev. A. Stoddart	Mr. B. Dalby
10 July	Kirk Session Service	Rev. S. Nicol	Rev. S. Nicol
17 July	Rev. S. Nicol	Mrs. G. Wilson	Mrs. G. Wilson
24 July	Mrs. G. Wilson	Rev. S. Nicol	Rev. S. Nicol
31 July	Rev. S. Nicol	Mrs. G. Wilson	Mrs. G. Wilson

MISSION PARTNER

I am pleased to report that we now have a new Mission Partner. She is Dr Ruth Shakespeare who is going out to Malawi where she will take up the post of Medical Director at Mulanje Mission Hospital in Blantyre Synod. Recently, Ruth gave a presentation accompanied with slides outlining the work she will undertake in Malawi and those present admired her enthusiasm and optimism for the very difficult challenge of serving in Africa.

The hospital and primary healthcare programme provide essential services for the immediate catchment area serving 72 villages where 75,000 live and some services to the wider area with a population of some 555,000.

The principal services provided by the hospital are Environmental Health, mother and child healthcare, nutrition and the treatment of HIV/AIDS. HIV/AIDS is still the greatest challenge as about one in fifty are affected by the disease. Good progress is however being made and if the condition is diagnosed early and with continuous treatment patients can enjoy a fairly long life.

Furthermore, if Mums are treated before giving birth, it is now possible to prevent the disease passing to the new babies. It must be re-



iterated, however, that treatments once started must be ongoing thereafter and this great improvement is dependent on the ever increasing demand for the appropriate drugs.

Malaria is second only to HIV/AIDS as the greatest killer and the relatively simple remedy of mosquito nets would save the lives of thousands. The main areas of concern for Ruth in Malawi are disease control, staff recruitment and retention, maintenance of infrastructure and most of all the availability of funding to finance the hospital.

Please remember Ruth in your prayers that she be given strength to cope with the difficult but essential work that lies ahead for her.

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