



EXTRA NEWSLETTER

ST JAMES PARISH CHURCH

Thought from the Manse

Dear all,

Just yesterday I went to a charity shop in town and bought a fascinator for our Platinum Jubilee Garden Party. I have to say, I am looking forward to a little sparkle and some celebration this summer. And we do have a lot to celebrate: Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee will be a cause for joy for many.

After all the Queen has represented the country with dignity and grace through her private turmoil and tragedies as well as through the difficulties we all shared in the past two years or so. And so, it seems only right that the whole country is going to honour her and has a bit of fun into the bargain.

The church, too, is celebrating. The Platinum Jubilee coincides with the day of Pentecost, the day we explain to our Junior Church Children as the "Birthday of the Church", the day when God's Spirit came to a discouraged and dejected group of disciples and enabled them to spread the good news of the gospel throughout the world.

And so, celebrating and rejoicing is rooted in our Christian faith and maybe sometimes forgotten. I often think of the joyful words sung by the prophetess Hannah: "My heart exults in the Lord, my horn is exalted in the Lord, my mouth speaks boldly to my enemies. because I rejoice in Your salvation" (1 Sam 2,1). AMEN

Every blessing, Barbara

Funerals:

Winifred (Frieda) Hunter: 1 June 11.15am
Masonhill

Sarah (Sally) Linton: 25 June 10 am
Remembrance Garden – Masonhill

We trust in the risen Christ and in our salvation through him.

Church Life

Most Restrictions have been replaced with guidance. Mask wearing is no longer compulsory. We ask for consideration towards those who would like to continue to wear masks and to socially distance.

IN LOVING MEMORY

A donation of £100 has been gratefully received in the commemoration of the 50th wedding anniversary of William (Billy) and Carro Payne married in St James Parish Church on 22 June 1972 and moved to Victoria B.C. Canada to live. Bill passed away on 28th October 2017

Worship

Pentecost and Platinum Jubilee: 5 June

Pulpit Exchange with Rev John McCutcheon, St

Quivox: 12 June

Communion: 26 June - tbc

Community and congregation:

Kirk Session 2 June

Platinum Jubilee Garden Party 5 June

(hats and fascinators encouraged!)

North Ayr Prayer Meeting: 13 June

Ayr Town Prayer for Peace 25 June

Groups and organisations:

Junior Church Prize Giving and Outing:
19 June

Our Groups and Organisations are breaking up for the summer Please call Bill and Ina Mackie: 281163 or the minister 262420 for information.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Pastoral care: Our minister Barbara has fully resumed visiting and can be contacted under 01292-262420. Please get in touch if you wish pastoral or practical support.



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Session Clerk's Message.

Friends,

As we enter the period which has traditionally been referred to as "Summer", it is usually a time when for various reasons attendances tend to fall off. This year it is important having faced two years of restrictions that we move forward in our faith journey together. I am positive that many of you will have missed attendance at Church, however I would encourage you to join us Sunday by Sunday as we get back to normal. You have been missed! It is important that we get back to what has been the tradition for families for decades "Sunday Worship". It is as relevant today as it was in the past. I am looking forward to our discussions with our friends at St Quivox as we plan for our future together. I appreciate that we are in a time of significant change but let us be positive in our outlook for the future.

Bill Mackie, Session Clerk

Junior Church

The young folks have been busy making Platinum Jubilee posters plus other items for use at our Garden Party. They also worked very hard at the **Christian Aid Big Brekkie** when the sum raised was £72.50. There was no expenditure as everything was donated by Junior Church Teachers, members of the Fundraising Committee and the Minister. Sincere thanks to all the faithful who came along. We continue to work on the community garden. Our Outing to the farm park is on 19th June. Moyra Smith Junior Church Leader.

Outreach

Christ in Action Foodbank - we continue to deliver fresh food to Newton School weekly along with extra items e.g. nappies, baby food, baby clothes and various ambient food items. We also answer referrals from Dalmling School the and North Ayr Parish Grouping. Plus, weekly we support all the homeless hostels in Ayr and Troon and the Woman's' Refuge in Ayr. Sincere thanks to all who continue to donate food and money on a regular basis. Kids Time Toddler Group continues to be very popular but we are still limiting the numbers.

Moyra Smith Outreach Convenor

Christian Aid Week

The sum of £72.50 was raised at the Big Brekkie, the donation envelopes will not be counted until after Sunday 22nd May. The total amount raised will be reported in the next Newsletter.

Moyra Smith Christian Aid Convenor

Fundraising/Social

The next date for your diary is Sunday 5th June when we will have a Garden Party (weather permitting if wet in the hall) to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Moyra Smith Fundraising Social Convenor

Treasurer's Report

Grateful thanks are extended to the following organisations who kindly gave donations to church.

Carpet Bowl Club £400; The Concert Party £500

Gift Aid Reclaimed - £2110.25

Offerings etc for February 2022 to April 2022

	Week	1 st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Feb	Freewill/Open Plate	£102.50	£186.00	£483.40	£241.10	£1,013.00
	SO DD and Donations					£1,649.00
Mar	Free Will/Open Plate	£302.13	£639.50	£184.00	£563.10	£1,688.73
	SO DD and Donations					£1,800.00
April	Freewill/Open Plate	£176.40	£399.50	£681.00	283.00	£1,539.90
	SO DD and Donations					£1,739.00
TOTAL						9,429.63

A special church collection for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal in March raised £61.03 and Junior Church Fundraising for Ukraine totalled £621.00 Thank you once again for all financial contributions to the Church

Henry Murdoch, Treasurer