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LETTER FROM OUR LOCUM MINISTER

At this time of writing, middle of February, we are beginning the journey together through the six week season of lent. Traditionally, we follow in the footsteps of Christ as he makes his way towards Calvary's cross and we identify with his trials and temptations as he approaches the climax of the events of Holy Week.

Many Christians see lent as a time for fasting and other forms of self-denial. Lent lunches, simply of soup and bread, are often served in our Church of Scotland congregations at this time of year to show our willingness to give up our usually fuller meals and to give away the proceeds to the benefit of the poor. "Giving up" and "giving away" being the watch words of the season of lent.

Lent of course ultimately leads us to Christ and his cross. This year, Easter day falls on 1st April which of course we also know as 'April Fool's Day'. I reckon there's something wondrously appropriate in that. Consider this from the letter of the Apostle Paul to the Church at Corinth:

"The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" [1st Corinthians 1. 18, New International Version]

Come April first this year may it be that we will be glad to be called 'fools', not because of April, but for the sake of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Your friend, Sandy McCallum



Monday's Alternative Club pancake night



Heritage Centre luncheon for staff and volunteers

DATES TO NOTE

March

2nd	2pm	World Day of Prayer, St John's Church
4th	11.30am	Morning Worship - Communion
5th	2pm	Guild Meeting
10th	10.30am	Guild Daffodil Tea
11th	11.30am	Morning Worship
12th	2pm	Guild Meeting
	8pm	MAC Meeting
14th	7.30pm	Kirk Session Meeting
18th	11.30am	Morning Worship
	3pm	Burnlea Nursing Care Home Service
19th	2pm	Guild Meeting
21st	7-9pm	Games Night
25th	11.30am	Morning Worship
26th	2pm	Guild Meeting
	8pm	MAC Meeting
26th	7.30pm	Holy Week Service *
27th	7.30pm	Holy Week Service *
28th	7.30pm	Holy Week Service *
29th	7.30pm	Holy Week Service *
30th	10am	Good Friday Walk of Witness
	7.30pm	Holy Week Service *

April

1st	11.30am	Easter Sunday Service
8th	11.30am	Morning Worship
15th	11.30am	Morning Worship
16th	8pm	MAC Meeting
18th	2pm	Guild ABM, Stevenson High Kirk Hall
	7-9pm	Games Night
22nd	11.30am	Morning Worship
29th	11.30am	Morning Worship
30th	8pm	MAC Meeting

May

6th	11.30am	Morning Worship
9th	7.30pm	Kirk Session Meeting
13th	11.30am	Morning Worship
14th	8pm	MAC Meeting
20th	11.30am	Morning Worship
	3pm	Hutton Park Care Home Service
23rd	7-9pm	Games Night
27th	11.30am	Morning Worship
28th	8pm	MAC Meeting

** all Largs Churches Together Holy Week Services will take place in St Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church*

CHURCH REGISTER

Deaths

4th Jan	Tommy Fryer, Underbank
6th Jan	James Currie, Homemount House
10th Jan	May Pausey, Glenfield Care Home, Greenock
12th Jan	Archie Gladstone, Gateside Street
13th Jan	David Simpson, Speirs Care Home, Beith
19th Jan	Helen McTaggart, Moorburn Manor

TREFOIL GUILD

On Sunday 18th February, Kelburn Trefoil Guild held a Service in St Columba's Church to celebrate 75 years of Scottish Trefoil and 10 years of Kelburn Trefoil. The service was conducted by Rev. Sandy McCallum. There was a good attendance of Trefoil members, also Guide and Brownies from the County. Mrs Eileen Martin gave a children's address, and Mrs Edith Shedden and Miss Margaret Kennedy did the readings. The Promise was renewed by any members of the congregation who wished to do so. We had a cake cut during the service which was served with tea or coffee after the service. The service ended with a Guide song 'Go well and safely'.

Margaret Kennedy

BEADLE & DUTY TEAMS

Team A Mr Boyle (Convenor), Mr Murdoch, Miss Black, Mrs Houghton, Mr Delussey, Mr Turner

Team B Mr Jamieson (Convenor), Ms Gallettie, Miss Kennedy, Mrs Lyon, Mrs McEleny

Team C Mr Wallace (Convenor), Mr Hewitt, Mr Lewis, Mr Welch, Mrs McManus, Mrs Rae

Team D Mr Laurie (Convenor), Mr Rankin, Mrs Butler, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Laurie, Mrs Tunnicliff

<i>March</i>	4th	Beadle John Lewis, Team A
	11th	Beadle Anne Crawford, Team B
	18th	Beadle Douglas Blair, Team C
	25th	Beadle John Lewis, Team D
<i>April</i>	1st	Beadle Alister Hewitt, Team A
	8th	Beadle Anne Crawford, Team B
	15th	Beadle Douglas Blair, Team C
	22nd	Beadle John Lewis, Team D
<i>May</i>	29th	Beadle Alister Hewitt, Team A
	6th	Beadle Anne Crawford, Team B
	13th	Beadle Douglas Blair, Team C
	20th	Beadle Bill Puckrin, Team D
	27th	Beadle John Macdiarmid, Team A

GUILD

I can hardly believe that we are coming to the end of another session of the Guild. The time seems to have flown by! Our attendances have been a bit down this winter due to the inclement weather and illnesses but we are still in good heart and those who have ventured out have enjoyed the various speakers. This month we have some interesting afternoons ahead (see the notice board for details), culminating in our ABM when we will again watch excerpts from the Guild annual gathering in Dundee. Note to members: I will remember the speakers this time!!!

We hope that you will all support our Daffodil Tea on Saturday 10th March, from 10.30am till 12.30pm, which is in aid of the minibus fund. If you enjoy home baking and a chat over a cup of tea, a warm welcome awaits you in the Session Room!

Guild Summer Outing

The Guild is running a summer outing to Dumfries House on Monday 14th May, leaving the church at 11.30am. We are planning to have a one course lunch with tea & coffee at Boswells Coach House near Ochiltree, followed by the visit to Dumfries House. The magnificent 18th century house is built in the Palladian style and is the work of the renowned Scottish architect, Robert Adam, who was also responsible for the interior designs. Since being rescued for the nation by Prince Charles, the house, grounds and gardens have been lovingly renovated. Even if you don't go into the house itself, there is a cafe, visitors centre and interesting walks to explore. The cost without a guided tour of the house is £18 and including a guided tour is £26. If anyone would like to join us that day, please let me know.

Christine Gallettie, Convenor; 01475 689024

YOUNG CHURCH

We hope you have been enjoying some of the changes we have tried out so far in this Year of Young People. We are planning to use this year as an opportunity to try a few different ideas out, and hope you will enjoy them and take part when you can. Fulton and I recently attended a Year of Young People Roadshow in Dumbarton and came back inspired by stories of some of the work going on with young people.

We are currently very busy at Young Church preparing some secret surprises for you for Mothering Sunday and Easter. We hope you will like them! We are also looking forward to our very belated Young Church Christmas lunch out on 18th March after church!

As I write this I am looking forward to our all age family games night this week and am hopeful it will be a fun filled evening where we can all get to know each other a little better. I have promised some of the girls that we will definitely play hide and seek this time after forgetting last month! Our next games night will be on Wednesday 21st March from 7-9pm so put it in your diaries now and come along and join us even for a little while.

We are still collecting small change for Water Aid and have started a new collection after raising a fantastic total of £278.50 in 2017. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

We have not yet taken down the first lot of donations to the foodbank for this year, so I will have to update you next month. We are grateful for your continuing generosity in donating food items, a new list of the most needed items is now available.

Alison Tunnicliff

2018 YEAR OF THE YOUNG

As many of you know, the Church of Scotland has defined 2018 as the Year of Young people. Looking back to a group of "youngsters" who have already celebrated their 90th birthdays, and with a combined age of more than 1800 years, I felt this was more than worth a highlight in St Columba's "Landmark", since their birthdays were indeed a LANDMARK in their lives. I could also list others in the congregation aged 80 or 85 but will leave that for another suitable time. Guess it must be the fresh air in North Ayrshire.



*Rev. Alex Chestnut, Margaret McKellar,
Cath Murray, Annie McKellar,
Tommy Evans, Harry Anderson,
Nancy Greene, Margaret Griffiths,
Myra Corbett, Margaret McKenzie,
Myra Wybar, Betty Burns,
Elizabeth Chestnut, Betty Evans,
Maureen Macdonald, Anna McQuat,
Lily O'Brien, Barbara Smith,
Liz Brown, Berta Rodger.*

John Lewis



The poster features a red circular logo on the left with a white cross and the text "Church of Scotland Guild". The background is a field of yellow daffodils. The text is as follows:

Guild Daffodil Tea
in aid of minibus fund
Saturday 10th March
10.30am - 12.30pm
£2 entry :: tea, coffee & homebaking



DATA PROTECTION

Would members please let their Elder or the Church Secretary know of any changes to their personal details, to ensure they are kept up to date. All information held about individuals will continue to be held securely by the Church for purposes connected with the Church. Individuals have a right to opt-out of their records being held.

NEXT ISSUE

Articles for the next issue of Landmark to be with the church office by Monday 19th March at latest, which will be available for uplift on Sunday 1st April.

Linda Beveridge, Church Secretary

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