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LETTER FROM OUR LOCUM MINISTER

*To the congregations of Fairlie Parish Church and
Largs, St Columba's Parish Church*

Hello

As your locum I will be very pleased to be able to serve you as your nominating committee begins the search for the person whom, in due time, you might choose to call as your minister. I am also very pleased that as our future together unfolds the procedural formalities in the vacancy will be in the very able hands of our Interim Moderator Rev. Alan Ward.

Given that many of you will already know me since I am a local "lad" [born 1940!] and have had the privilege of supplying the pulpits in both Fairlie and Largs on many occasions it is possible that I don't need to introduce myself to you. On the other hand I reckon there will be some folk I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting so allow me to give you just a brief note on my background:

In June 1987 I was ordained to the linked charge of Kilberry with Tarbert in the Presbytery of South Argyll. Then in 1994 I was called to serve as minister to the congregation and parish of Saltcoats, New Trinity

Church which post I served until I retired in March 2005. Since then I have held a variety of appointments, most recently as locum at Cumbrae Parish Church for the past two years.

As to my background prior to ordination suffice it to say 'many and varied'. It includes, among other things, graduating from the Scottish Hotel School, lecturing at the Bermuda Hotel and Catering College, Ayr Technical College and at James Watt College, Greenock. And, for two years or so, being a Hotels Inspector with the Automobile Association and even being the drummer with the once well-known Kit-Kat Band at the Moorings Ballroom in Largs.

I am married to Josephine and the Lord has blessed us with two sons Alasdair and Scott, with our daughter Heather, with our six grandchildren and with our two great grandchildren. My other interests include flying sailing, music and hill walking.

So much then for a backward look. Now let's look to the Lord and move forward together. Be assured I look forward to the privilege of serving you. Yes these are challenging times but with God's help challenges can simply become opportunities.

*Your soon to be friend
Rev. Sandy McCallum*

Please note the **Remembrance Sunday Service** in Largs, St Columba's Parish Church on Sunday 12th November will start at the **earlier time of 10.50am**. The **Town Remembrance Service** in Clark Memorial Parish Church on Sunday 12th November commences at the usual time of 10am followed by a short service at the War Memorial at 11.20am.



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DATES TO NOTE

November

5th	11.30am	Morning Worship
6th	2pm	Guild Meeting
6th	8pm	MAC Meeting
8th	7.30pm	Kirk Session Meeting
12th	10.50am	Morning Worship – Remembrance Sunday
13th	2pm	Guild Meeting
19th	11.30am	Morning Worship Guild Week Service
19th	3pm	Haylie House Residential Care Home Service
20th	2pm	Guild Meeting
20th	8pm	MAC Meeting
25th	10am	Craft Fair
26th	11.30am	Morning Worship
27th	2pm	Guild Meeting

December

3rd	11.30am	Morning Worship Communion
4th	2pm	Guild Meeting
4th	8pm	MAC Meeting
6th	10am-12noon	Life and Work Subscriptions due
6th	7.30pm	Kirk Session Meeting
9th	10am-3pm	Christmas Cracker
9th	7.30pm	Stedfast Silver Band & Largs Amateur Operatic Society Concert
10th	11.30am	Morning Worship
11th	2pm	Guild Meeting
14th	7.30pm	Upbeats Concert
17th	11.30am	Morning Worship
18th	2pm	Guild Meeting
18th	8pm	MAC Meeting
24th	11.30am	Morning Worship - Christmas Eve
31st	11.30am	Morning Worship

January

7th	11.30am	Morning Worship
8th	2pm	Guild Meeting
14th	11.30am	Morning Worship

15th	2pm	Guild Meeting
21st	11.30am	Morning Worship
22nd	2pm	Guild Meeting
28th	11.30am	Morning Worship
29th	2pm	Guild Meeting

BEADLE & DUTY TEAMS

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

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

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

Team D Mr Laurie, Mr Rankin, Mrs Bell, Mrs Butler, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Laurie

November

5th	Beadle Bill Puckrin, Team D
12th	Beadle John Lewis, Team A
19th	Beadle Anne Crawford, Team B
26th	Beadle Douglas Blair, Team C

December

3rd	Beadle John Lewis, Team D
10th	Beadle Alister Hewitt, Team A
17th	Beadle Anne Crawford, Team B
24th	Beadle John Macdiarmid, Team C
31st	Beadle Bill Puckrin, Team D

January

7th	Beadle John Lewis, Team A
14th	Beadle Anne Crawford, Team B
21st	Beadle Douglas Blair, Team C
28th	Beadle John Lewis, Team D

GUILD

The Guild session 2017/18 got off to a wonderful start with inspiring talks from Rev. Sandy McCallum, who expanded our theme for the year 'Go in love', and David McLaughlan who explained that he is the writer of the Francis Gay column in the Sunday Post as well as being the author of many life-affirming books. David's topic was 'Heaven here and now' and he told us of the many miracles which

are happening every day, some of them very personal and very moving. We enjoyed The Magic of Scotland with Bill Craig and the history of the wonderful Dumfries House with John Morrison.

We look forward to our visit to Cumrae for the joint Guild meeting when Elspeth Dale tells us about '130 years of the Guild' and the first project meeting of the year, 'All friends together', which explores embracing those with learning difficulties into the full life of the church. Our Guild Week Service is on Sunday 19th November and we would be delighted to have the support of the congregation as we take a service based on our theme.

It's lovely to have our members back together again, enjoying the fellowship on a Monday afternoon so if you would like to join us, please come along at 2pm. For information see our posters on the notice boards.

Christine Gallettie, Convenor

CHURCH CHOIRS UNITED

On Thursday 12 October 2017 our very own Church Choir joined forces with the Clark Memorial Choir to record a selection of hymns from CH4. The Resourcing Worship Team that forms part of the Mission and Discipleship Council of the Church of Scotland has set up a project to provide music as an outreach resource. Church choirs from around Scotland were invited to take part in recording sessions with the end results being shared with congregations who have limited musical resources. A successful evening was had at the Clark Memorial Church and it is hoped that a second recording session will take place early in the new Year at St. Columba's Parish Church. Watch this space!

Rhona Gourley

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid are having a fundraising concert on Saturday 4th November in Largs, St Columba's Parish Church at 7.30pm. The Cantanti choir will be featuring. The type of music will be light hearted musicals. Tickets cost £10 which includes tea, coffee and biscuits at the interval. Tickets are available from the church office.

Jean Jackson

CHRISTMAS CRACKER

St Columba's Parish Church
Saturday 9th December 2017

10am - 3.30pm

Tea room £2.00

Various stalls



It's that time again when we make the preparations for our Christmas Cracker on Saturday 9th December from 10.00am till 3.30pm. We are hoping for support from everyone in the congregation to make this a success and look forward to hearing from those who can help on the day on the stalls and in the tearoom, those who can provide goods for the usual stalls and hope to see as many of you as possible supporting us with your presence on the day. It will be great fun with lots of Christmas goodies! We will keep you updated about the details for this event, the proceeds of which are going to the minibus fund. If you have any goods to be uplifted, please phone me on 689024 or John on 686831.

Christine Gallettie

LIFE AND WORK SUBSCRIPTIONS

Anyone who would like to renew their subscription to Life and Work for next year can visit the Vestry between 10am and 12 noon on Wednesday 6th December. The annual subscription for Life and Work in 2018 will be £27.00. District Visitors will be delivering renewal notices to subscribers at the beginning of November. If any member of the congregation would like to begin a subscription to "Life and Work", please get in touch to receive a free introductory copy. Thanks go to all the District Visitors for their ongoing help with the distribution of "Life and Work" and "Landmark" throughout the year.

Linda Beveridge

YOUNG CHURCH

Thanks to your generosity we gathered a large collection of tins and other items during October and these were gratefully received by the North Ayrshire foodbank in Ardrossan on 30th October. The monthly and running totals will be appearing on the noticeboard outside the library very soon!

Our next project which we would like your help with is to collect toys for the foodbank's annual Christmas Party in December. They usually have approximately 90 children attending from babies to teenagers. All children attending are given sweets, a book and a toy. We are keen to help with this, and Craig has asked if we could collect donations of new toys during November. Toys must be new, wrapped and have one of our tags attached stating boy/girl and age. If you would like to help us by buying a gift, then from Sunday 5th November look out for our Christmas tree in the church (a bit early I know!). Choose one of our tags hanging on the tree and buy a new toy appropriate for the age and gender of the child stated on the back. Bring your gift back wrapped with the tag attached to the outside before the end of November and place into our foodbank collection baskets at the doors. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

We are continuing to collect small change for Water Aid. This year the UK government is offering to match all donations given to Water Aid before 31st January next year. If you are collecting change at home then please could you make sure you bring what you have collected into church before the end of December so that we can ensure our annual donation is doubled.

This is when we start to think about Christmas at Young Church. Due to reduced numbers we will not be able to put on our usual nativity, but our older members are currently thinking of some new ideas so watch this space!

Lastly a big Happy Birthday to the youngest member of our Young church, Willow, who is going to be 6 this month. Take a look and see if she's grown any bigger!

Alison Tunnicliff

Fairlie

Fairtrade Initiative & Eco-Congregation

cordially invite you to join them

in Fairlie Parish Church on Friday 10 November
from 7pm until 9pm (doors open 6.30pm)

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SWISHING

Tickets for Swishing available
from Ann (568643) or
Gabrielle (568112).

To Swish, please bring at
least one item of clothing or
accessory in good condition.
SWISHING starts at 7pm.

The latest Fairtrade
Artisan Crafts to view, to
buy and to order.

Fairtrade
Tea - Coffee - Wine
and refreshments
Raffle

PASSCHENDAELE REMEMBERED

My sisters, brothers-in-law, niece and I had the privilege of attending the events in and around Ypres to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the battle of Passchendaele. Our grandfather, Edmund Gallettie, of 9th Bt. Black Watch, was killed on 31st July 1917 at the Battle of Pilkem Ridge when our father was 18 months old. The services at the Menin Gate and Tyne Cot Cemetery were very moving and brought home to us the enormity of the loss of life during this conflict and the numbers of families which were affected by these losses and by the experiences of the men and women who made it home. As a wartime photographer, Frank Hurley, said at the time, 'for there is no place in eternity that is more hellish'. In the Passchendaele offensive alone, from 31st July to 12th November 1917, over half a million soldiers died from both sides. It was said to be 'the war to end all wars' but on banners as we exited In Flanders Field Museum in Ypres, it was chastening to see lists of over 260 conflicts waged since then throughout the world to the present day. We were also extremely moved by the dedication of the War Graves Commission workers as they lovingly tend the many cemeteries and the Last Post Association for the nightly vigil they keep at the Menin Gate.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning WE
WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Christine Gallettie

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 27th November at latest, which will be available for uplift on Sunday 10th December.

Linda Beveridge, Church Secretary

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