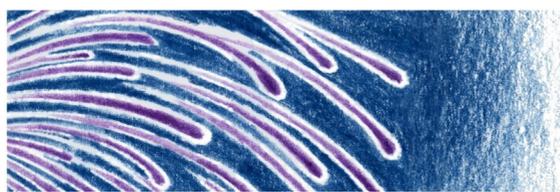
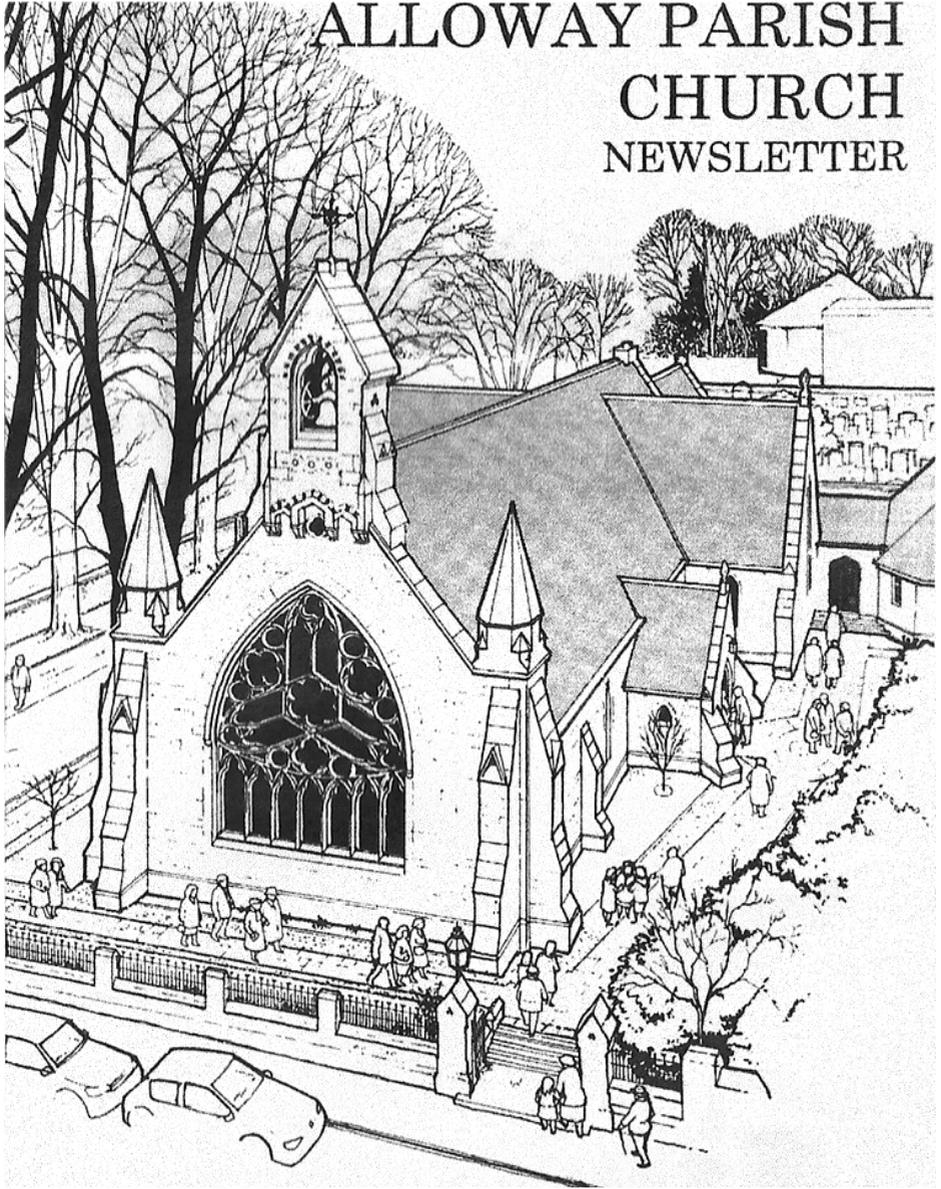


# ALLOWAY PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER



June  
2022





Dear Friends

As you read this our Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Alloway Parish will have come to an end.

We served scones, planted trees, and raised money for Crossreach during a very happy weekend.

At our Sunday service we heartily sang the National Anthem.

My thanks go to all who prepared and participated in this joyous time.

Regardless of people's views on the place of the monarchy, it is impossible not to be moved by the faithful and dedicated service her Majesty has offered this country for over seventy years.

Throughout her reign she has of course attended church regularly and faithfully.

Often in her Christmas broadcasts to the nation she has shared how much her faith has meant and continues to mean to her.

For example, in her 2014 Christmas broadcast she declared

"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life.

A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing.

Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none."

How different would this world be if we respected and valued each other a little bit more!

How wonderful too to have that source of inspiration in the life and teaching and promises in Jesus of Nazareth.

It was serendipitous too that at our Jubilee service we presented Queen's badges to some of the young men in the Boys Brigade.

Older men and younger doubtless will recall the signature Hymn of the Boys Brigade

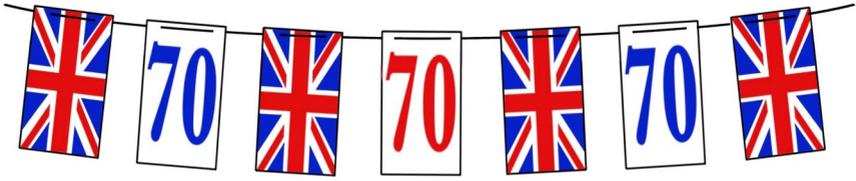
*"We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love"*

In this restless world we all need an anchor and inspiration to keep us going through good times and tough times!

As we pray God's continued blessing upon her Majesty, may we too in our lives and service seek to serve and honour the King of Kings.

Yours in Him

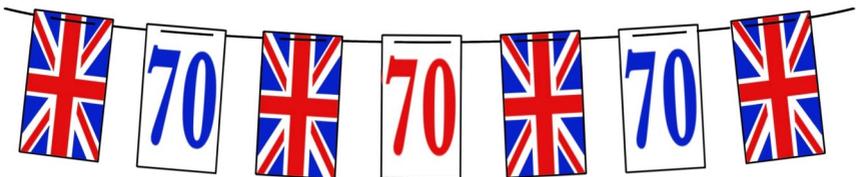
Neil McNaught



O Lord, the Way, the Truth, and the Life,  
we give You thanks for Your servant Elizabeth our  
Queen.

May she ever be provided with all she may need  
for her ministry among us,  
strengthened to meet every demand  
which her office may make,  
and in all things nourished by Your word and example,  
who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign,  
world without end.

Amen.



## A note from Rev. David...

At the May Messy Church we thought about the story of Joseph and his amazing coloured coat. What great fun we had making a variety of crafts including dreamcatchers and multicoloured coat biscuits - thanks as always to Jenny for her great craft ideas. We also watched a short video of the story of Joseph and played a few games - there was great excitement in the Octagonal Hall! We finished off with a fantastic meal together in the large hall - thanks to all the ladies who worked so hard in the kitchen. Messy Church is a real team effort and a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents (and grandparents) to come together, have fun and fellowship. The next Messy Church will take place on 11th June (4-6pm) when we will be thinking about Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee - please invite children and their parents to Messy Church at Alloway!!



We had the final session of Alpha @ Alloway on Tuesday 24th of May. The series of Alpha sessions has been really well attended - with folks from Alloway Church and from other churches in the area. We have had around 45 regulars, with an average attendance each week of around 35. The response from those attending has been really positive with most indicating that the sessions had strengthened their faith, made them think about important issues and enabled them to have great fellowship.

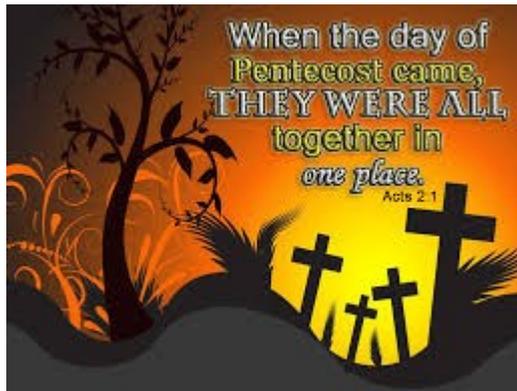
I am really grateful to Karin Stewart for helping to organise Alpha @ Alloway. It would also not have been possible without the help of the hospitality team and the group hosts - thank you all!!

We will be having another opportunity for folks to consider key aspects of the Christian faith in the Autumn - look out for details - and please come along!!

# SCHOOLS

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of a school year - but it is great that I am at last now able to visit the schools and interact with the children - they are such a joy to be with. It is so touching to be walking around the parish and hear wee voices shouting "that's David!!" - it just makes my day! I will be involved in the end of term assemblies of Alloway and Doonfoot Primaries. The assembly for Alloway Primary is sure to be quite emotional as it will be Mrs. Karen Butler's final assembly as she retires after a dedicated period of service to the school. It was great news to hear that Mrs. Fiona Meney has been appointed as the new Head Teacher.

God's richest blessings, *David.*



## **Kiltwalk Kindness Kwickie**

"Many thanks for this fundraising under the hunger appeal. We are now planning to transfer grants to partners for the second allocation to the most affected countries.

For this quarter we will target Ethiopia and South Sudan. The £9000 pounds would respond to some of the key priorities in these two countries.

Your funds raised will be part of a food security project, in South Sudan.

It will support a local partner UNIDOR to provide Cash assistance e.g., 40 pounds per household, to buy food or to cover any other household needs.

Thus, your donation will help 225 households to face the dire hunger and other critical living conditions during the lean food season in June/July."

Lauren Petherbridge  
Community and Events Fundraising Officer  
Christian Aid Scotland



## **Pentecost**

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8

We all get tired and battle weary sometimes. The disciples of Jesus had just been through a three-year long roller coaster adventure with Jesus that had culminated in His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

The range of emotions would have been hugely taxing in the days leading up to Pentecost, as they remembered Jesus weeping in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayed by Judas, brutally beaten and crucified, and then dead and buried. Then there had been the shock and awe of finding out that He was alive again! But then He had left them again, to return to His Father. By the time the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples would indeed have welcomed some fresh spiritual fire!

For us today, many of us have felt emotionally drained with the uncertainties caused by Covid 19, the worry of prices rising at an alarming rate, and now the pain and uncertainty of what will happen in the war in Ukraine.

So, what better day to pray for fresh spiritual fire for each of us? As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and birth of the Church, let us thank God that He will never leave us or forsake us.





## **Coffee & Chat**

Our first five Coffee & Chats have proved to be successful. Up until May we have raised £312 for our chosen Charity, Trees for Life, that's 104 trees planted. The June one will be the last event before the summer break. The next one is scheduled for Wednesday 7th September at 10.30am in the Fellowship Lounge, so put that in your diary. I am still looking for volunteers to be either food providers or servers, not a big task in either case. If you can help, please contact Sheena Kemp 440700.

## **Litter Pick**

The next Litter Pick will be held on Sunday 26th June at 2.00pm, meeting at the Church Halls. We will Litter Pick for one hour, pickers and bags will be provided. Following this, we will have a welcome tea/ coffee etc in the Fellowship Lounge. For further information, please contact Donald Kemp 440700.



## **Church Summer Opening**

The church will be open to visitors Monday to Friday for 11am to 3pm throughout June, July and August. This can only happen if there are enough volunteers to cover the 2 hour slots, 11 to 1 and 1 to 3. No special knowledge is needed as there are plenty of information sheets. Just a friendly welcome to visitors. Please fill in your name in the Volunteer Book in the vestibule.

René Andrews 445280



### **Wednesday Break**

Don't forget Wednesday Break continues over the summer at 10.30am!!

Meetings will alternate between Zoom and 3D! meeting in the Octagonal Hall.

Zoom codes can be sent to you by the secretary Mrs Jan Duncan  
[secretary.allowaypc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.allowaypc@gmail.com)

A short service - a long cup of tea - and a quiz!!

All ages welcome - great fellowship!

## **The Jolly Gardeners**

Back in time, March 2020 to be precise, our garden maintenance contract became available. I and 4 friends decided we should offer our services and give it a go.

On April 1st we started, 'THE JOLLY GARDENERS', the deal being there would be no charge for labour, but expenses would be claimed for. In a matter of weeks, the team became 7!!

It has been a long hard struggle, reclaiming ground, attacking our shrubs and forestry, leaf collecting, grass mowing, planting pots/ borders/power washing etc etc.

Our team is a hard-working happy bunch, including our very own cake lady!! Tea is an essential ingredient for the group.

Sadly, we lost our Rosie Hutchison, a lovely lady who is sadly missed.

On a brighter note, two new recruits joined us this month, the team now bursting at 8.

I hope you enjoy the results of our hard efforts, the plant display, beautiful colours throughout the seasons. We invite you to have a seat on a bench and ponder with your thoughts, or maybe just stop for a chat.

Regards The Gaffer. (David Allan)



## **Christian Aid Book Sale and Coffee Morning**

Our book sale and coffee morning on Saturday 21st May (and Sunday 22nd) raised the following sums of money for Christian Aid; -

Coffees/Teas      £390.00

Books                £559.00

Produce            £ 73.50

Plants                £409.00

**Total                £1431.50**

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to achieve this wonderful total - whether by donating, buying or working hard prior to or at the event.

Christian Aid envelope money will be counted after all returns have been made. This total will be intimated at the church service.

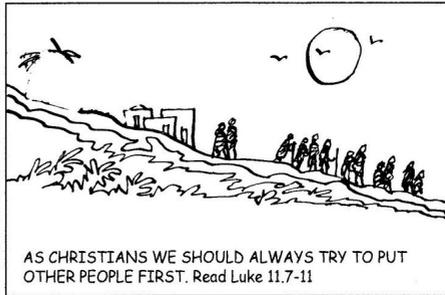
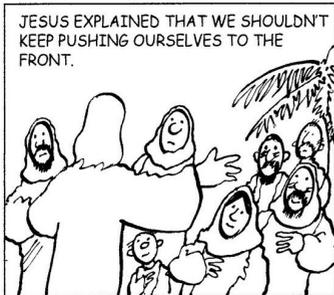
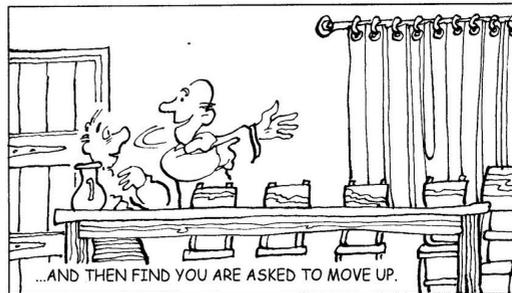
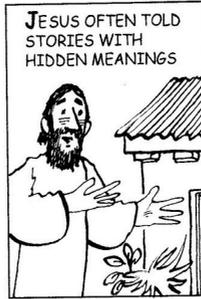
Again, thanks to all.

Mission Committee



# Book Sale







**1st Alloway Company**

**Award List**

**Trophy**

**2021-22**

The Robert Russell Cup + Medal	Pte Ben Thorne	for the Best Target boy or First year boy
The Physical Education Trophy	Cpl Euan Doak	for the boy who has made most advance in physical Education during the year
The Henderson Drill Cup	Cpl Connor McQueen	for the best drilled boy
The Jubilee Trophy	Pte Donald Nicol	top 2/3yr boy
The Gilmour Cup	Sgt Calum Hannah	for the best boy at Christian Education
The Alwa Rose Bowl	L/Cpl Angus Robinson	for the boy who has made most progression in BB work during the year
The Stuart Hatcher Trophy	Cpl Kris Grey	To the boy who has given best company support
The Captains Cup	Sgt Daniel Allison	for the best all round boy
McLaren Cup	L/Cpl Matthew McDowell	Personal Development
Dr Tom Mornall Trophy	Sgt Calum Hannah	Most service - 60 hours
BCL Community Shield	Cpl Ross Brown	Work at the Conservatory
Best Drilled Recruit	Pte Ben Thorne	Best Drilled Recruit
Sports Squad	4 Cpl Gregor Brown	inter squad
Squad Medal	2 Cpl C McQueen	Inspection & Attendance

All Senior Awards - Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze, Silver & Gold) Presidents and Queens Badges - were presented on 5th June by Sheriff Iona Sarah McDonald.

# Brownies\*

by 3rd Alloway Brownies Brown Owl Lise Whittle

The Brownies returned after the Easter holiday and celebrated the Queen's 96th birthday by singing 'Happy Birthday', and working out which year she was born (1926). Part of the Brownie Promise includes the Queen - "I promise that I will do my best, to be true to myself and develop my beliefs, to serve the Queen and my community, to help other people and to keep the Brownie Guide Law."

The Queen would like everyone to plant trees this year which we plan to do in the Autumn, but meanwhile we cut open tomatoes and gently planted the seeds into little compostable pots, and some of the Brownies were surprised that the seeds came from a real tomato rather than a packet!



Another week we had a very enjoyable visit to the Girl Guide Centre at Nether Auchendrane. We completed the Girlguiding 'Get Creative' badge by making artworks out of natural materials such as fallen twigs, leaves and stones. When they had completed their artworks, the Brownies admired each other's work and then put everything back where they had found it. After that, everyone did some weeding along the path, then finished the evening by having fun on the playpark. Everyone went home with their new badge and a colourful certificate.

As part of the 'Know Myself' badge, the Brownies put on a 'Brownies Got Talent Show!' And what a lot of talent our Brownies have! We listened to some magnificent piano and cello playing, and watched excellent displays of gymnastics, tap dancing, highland dancing, ball catching, singing, poems and jokes. Well done Brownies - give yourselves a pat on the back ("Who's Pat?" - sorry, that's a Brownies joke!) We are now looking forward to our Brownie Pack Holiday - our first one in three years.!

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## Parish Record



### Baptism—"Of such is the kingdom of heaven"

8.5.22 Beth Alysa Cumming daughter of Amanda and Shaun,  
Commonwealth Drive, Troon



### Marriage - "to love and to cherish "

27.5.22 Siobhan Carter and David Anderson



### "Blessed are those who mourn they shall be comforted "

24.4.22	Mr George Anderson	Templeton House
27.4.22	Mrs Dorothy Lyall	Cairn Crescent
27.4.22	Mr Tedd Gibbs	Piperhill
6.5.22	Mrs Ena Casey	Kilbrandon Way
11.5.22	Mr John Savill	Bathurst Drive

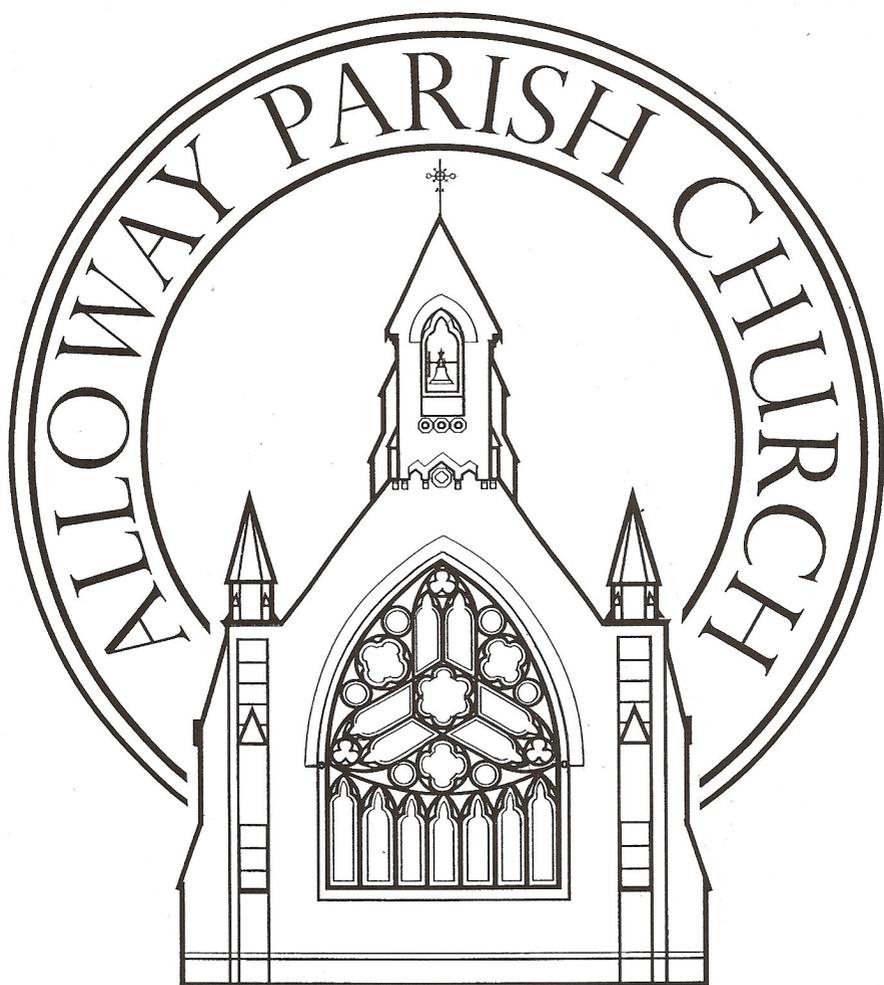
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