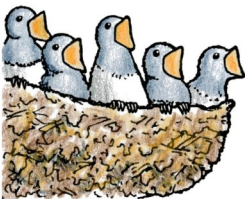
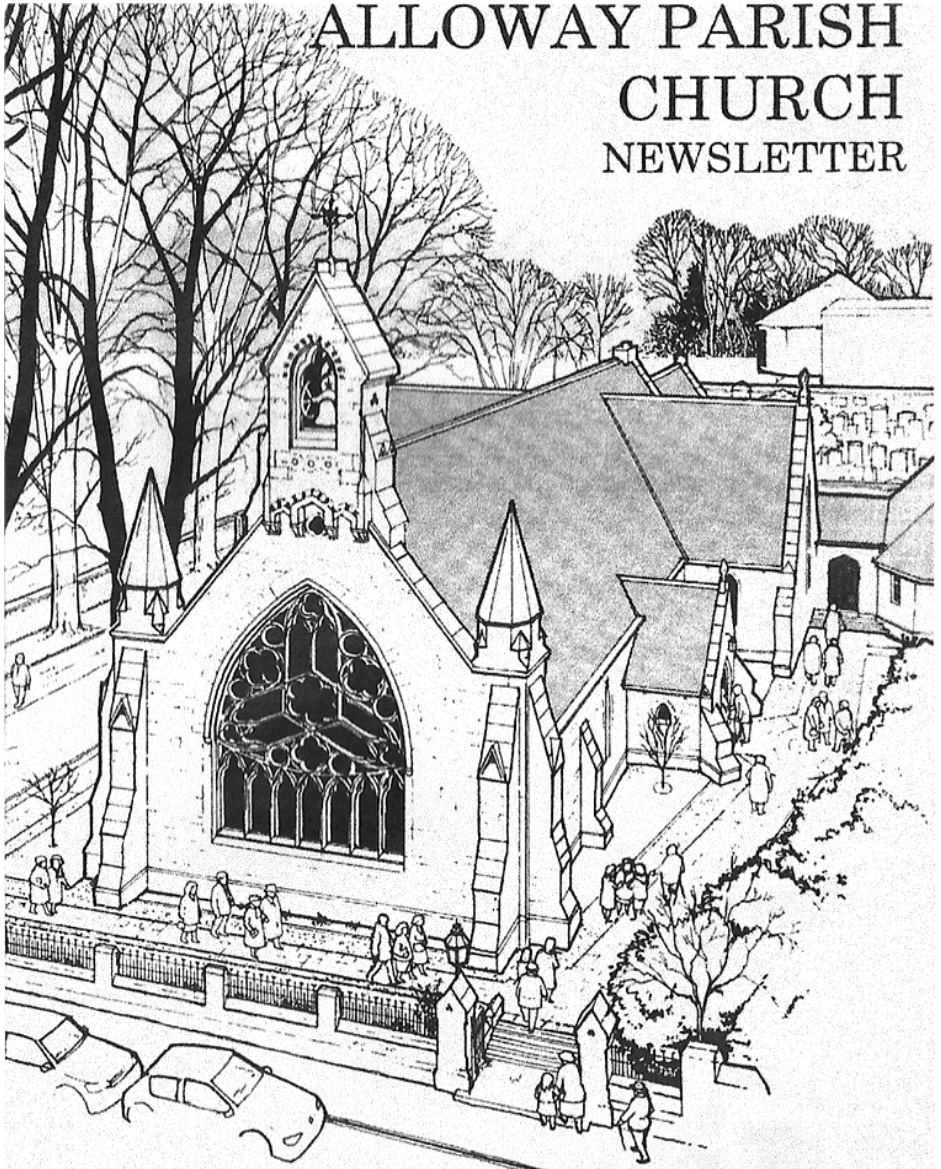


ALLOWAY PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER



May
2022



Dear Friends

Once again, a huge thank you to all those who so generously supported the Kiltwalk 2022!!

At time of writing, we have raised £5,400 for Christian Aid Global Hunger Appeal.

The Fab Four (Lynda Mary, Ailsa Leitch, David Hume, Neil McNaught) had great fun. Fortunately again the weather was not too windy!

This year we didn't do the Mighty Stride. We did the big stroll and walked from Clydebank to Balloch Park (14.4miles!).

Strangely what encouraged me to do the Kiltwalk is my love of food!

In all my years I have never gone hungry nor had to walk for the basics of life. They have all appeared on a plate before me.

How blessed I have been!

Christian Aid's Global Hunger Appeal raises funds for Ethiopia, South Sudan and Burkina Faso.

Their partners work with communities to prevent famine and build resilience by delivering life-saving food and support to people who need them most!

You will note this year's Christian Aid week is 15-21st of May.

There will be further opportunities to continue to support

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some of the worlds poorest.

It is with a heavy heart we report that given global conflict, the Covid crisis, the climate crisis, food poverty is on the increase.

However, we can all do something!

We who are globally rich must continue to help the poor.
For in doing so we help ourselves!

Meanwhile increasingly I become an admirer of Sir Tom Hunter and the Tom Hunter Foundation which tops up your generosity to over £8,000!

Every blessing

Neil



A note from Rev. David...

What a great turnout we had at the April Messy Church - with lots of regulars and some new families coming along. We had such a good time and spent time thinking about the events of Easter. The craft tables were full of activity (thanks to Jenny for her hard work) and the young folks enjoyed making an Easter scene using Jammie Dodgers (they were



amazing!), making crosses, Easter baskets (with a Cream Egg) and of course Easter cards. We then watched a short video of the Easter Story before singing a very lively (and loud) version of 'Spring Chicken'. The session finished with a very tasty meal of soup, sandwiches and cakes. Thanks to everyone who volunteers to ensure that Messy Church runs so smoothly each month. The next Messy Church will take place on 7th May (4-6pm) when we will be thinking about the story of Joseph and his coat of many colours - please invite children and their parents to Messy Church at Alloway!!



Alpha @ Alloway has been a great success with around 35 people attending each week. On Saturday 23rd April, we had a special all-day event with 33 participants coming along. We had times of worship, watched four short videos, took part in discussion groups, a time of prayer - and of course enjoyed tea, coffee and cake, and also a wonderful lunch.

Alpha @ Alloway continues on Tuesday evenings (7.00-8.45pm) in the church halls and each session includes a video presentation, small group discussions and the opportunity to enjoy hospitality (tea/coffee and cake!). There is an open invitation if you would like to attend - it does not matter if you have missed any sessions - you can join at any time. Our final session will be on Tuesday 24th May. Please consider coming along to Alpha @ Alloway - and/or extending the invitation to others. Further information is available from Rev. Neil, Karin Stewart or Rev. David.

SCHOOLS

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, it is now possible for me to visit schools and I look forward to finally having full engagement with Alloway Primary School, Doonfoot Primary School and Belmont Academy. We have also been asked to develop a link with Heads of Ayr Nursery and it will be great to work with the staff and children. Over the past two years, we have been grateful for the support of Doonfoot Primary School who have been having a termly collection of donations for the South Ayrshire Foodbank.

God's richest blessings, David.

Christian Aid Week – 16th –23rd May

This year you will be able to support Christian Aid in three ways; -

- i. By donating to the Alloway Kilt Walkers (which you may have already done)
- ii. By supporting our book sale and coffee morning on Saturday 21st May or
- iii. By donating via Christian Aid envelopes available in the church pews and at the Foodbank. We will not be doing door-to-door collections this year.

Mission Committee.



Coventry Cathedral

Sixty years ago, on 25th May 1962, the new Coventry Cathedral was consecrated. The previous one had been destroyed by German bombing during World War Two. The Queen had laid the foundation stone in 1956, and she was present for the consecration.

On the night of 14th November 1940, the old Cathedral - together with much of the centre of Coventry - was devastated by incendiary bombs, but the decision to rebuild it was taken the next morning. The Provost, Richard Howard, wanted to do so as a sign of faith, trust and hope, rather than as an act of defiance.

This rejection of bitterness and hatred led to the Cathedral's Ministry of Peace and Reconciliation, which continues to give spiritual and practical support in areas of conflict. It is symbolised now by the Cross of Nails, made from three nails found in the roof truss of the old cathedral and set in the centre of the altar cross.

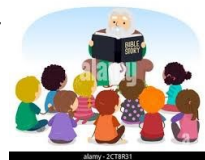
The place now called Coventry Cathedral, on the site of a Benedictine Monastery, is in fact two buildings - a joining of the old and the new. The older building, still hallowed ground, was originally a parish church, and then given cathedral status in 1918. Its 295ft (90m) spire, containing 181 stone steps, is the third highest in England, behind Salisbury and Norwich.

Children's Bible Story Books

I have a large selection of over 100 children's Bible Story Books. Does anyone know of any Sunday School or Church that may welcome a selection of Bible stories? Please drop me an email if you have any suggestions of any possible interested recipients. Thank you.

Lynda Mary

lyndamary07@gmail.com or steve.maw@virgin.net





Church of Scotland General Assembly

The General Assembly is a significant annual event in the Church of Scotland calendar. Throughout the week, commissioners to the General Assembly examine the work and laws of the Church and make decisions that affect its future.

The Assembly does not shy away from discussing the big political topics of the day. In recent years the Assembly has received national and international attention for debating Brexit, same-sex relationships, the war in Syria, and fossil fuel divestment.

The General Assembly takes place online from Saturday May 21 until Friday 27 May and will be webcast at www.churchofscotland.org.uk where you will also find Assembly documents, full reports and speeches.

Visit www.lifeandwork.org for daily reports during the Assembly, and a summary of the key decisions which will be available for free download from June 1.





Christian Aid Book Sale and Coffee Morning,

There will be a book sale and coffee morning on Saturday 21st May from 10.00am until 12.00 noon to raise money for Christian Aid. Books will also be available after the church service on Sunday 22nd.

We would welcome donations of books but please only deliver to the back door of the church halls between 10.00am and 1.00pm on Sunday 15th May.

We would also be most grateful for donations of baking for our tearoom. These can be delivered to the hall on Friday 20th May between 7.00pm and 9.00pm or between 9.00am and 10.00am on Saturday 21st

We look forward to your support and hope you will use this as an opportunity to meet with friends, enjoy home baking, stock up on your reading material and help this very worthwhile cause.



Book Sale



Christian Aid Coffee Morning and Book Sale

Alloway Church Hall

Saturday 21st May 2022

10.00 am until 12.00 noon



Cost £3.00 - for home baking and tea/coffee.

**Books also for sale on Sunday 22nd May
after the church service.**

Coffee & Chat

The next two Wednesday morning Coffee & Chat sessions will take place on Wednesday 4th May and Wednesday 1st June, both at 10.30am. Suggested donation will continue to be £3.00 each for our chosen charity Trees for Life. I continue to look for volunteers to help with this venture. You can either come along and help serve or if you would prefer you could simply provide some food. Please contact Sheena Kemp on 01292 440700 if you can help in any way.

Thank you in anticipation.



Get Your Fairtrade Orders Ready

The next Traidcraft order will be sent in on Monday 16th May 2022. Please send your orders to us the week before and no later than Sunday 15th May. To view the catalogue, go online to www.traidcraftshop.co.uk Look forward to hearing from you!

Olwen & Malcolm McNeil

01292 - 440423



Foodbank Collections

Since the start of the first lockdown on 23 March 2020 Alloway Parish Church have operated a Foodbank collection point on Sundays working with the South Ayrshire Foodbank which operates under the direction of The Trussell Trust.

In the early days when we were only allowed out of our houses for exercise, many used the opportunity to drop off some much-needed donations at the Church Halls. This also allowed the opportunity to stop and have a short conversation with Rev McNaught or Rev Hume, and others who were making donations. I have to say these conversations were always brief and socially distanced. Some could say that it may not have so much the church keeping the Foodbank going but more the Foodbank keeping the church going. Having said that, it was amazing to see so many members of the local community attending with their donations and having a short blether.

It may be the case that making donations nowadays is more often done when attending services than when out exercising but the donations are still rolling in. The donations are made on Sundays and uplifted by the South Ayrshire Foodbank volunteers on Tuesdays. When we are notified of shortages at the Foodbank our Facebook page is updated and donators respond accordingly.

I have never failed to be amazed at the kindness shown by so many to those less fortunate. Every donation means so much and huge gratitude is due to everyone involved. I have also been asked by the South Ayrshire Foodbank to pass on their heartfelt thanks to everyone. Foodbanks are now needed more than ever and our donations mean so very much.

Between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022 we have made a total donation of 13,107.5kg of foodstuffs, toiletries etc. In the same period, we have made cash donations totaling £9,621.23.

This is a huge total so a big thank you to all. Let's keep it going. So many people out there are depending on it.

Bill Duncan

Musical Memories

Thurs 12th May 2022

And every second Thurs each month

2.30pm till 3.30pm

Alloway Church - Large Hall

**Come and enjoy the music of
your youth**

A relaxed afternoon which includes:

Community Singing

Afternoon Tea

A warm welcome to all

Accessible front entrance





The Technology Team urgently need YOUR help!

For the past two years they have recorded, edited, and produced an online Digital Service in addition to providing support for a variety of Church commitments. For these to continue we desperately need new members!

If you, or anyone you know of, have any interest in assisting with the production of the Digital Service, or indeed are interested in joining the team to provide support with the Church Services, then please come along to an informal meeting-

THURSDAY 19 MAY 22 – 7.00PM – FELLOWSHIP LOUNGE

The fate of our Technology Services is in **YOUR** hands!

(It's not as hard as you may think!)



by 3rd Alloway Brownies Brown Owl Lise Whittle

The Brownies enjoyed their Easter Party – they had planned it all themselves the week before as part of their 'Know Myself' badge work!

Each Six had been given a different part of the party to plan.

The Brownies in the Foxes Six had made up an Easter Quiz and had written it down themselves. At the party, they took turns to read out the questions for the other girls to answer, and everyone got a photocopy of the quiz to take home to try on their families.

Next the Brownies in the Rabbits Six taught us a dance they had made up called 'The Bunny Hop', which involved lots of bunny moves! After a couple of demonstrations, they chose a prize for the Brownie who remembered the dance routine the best.

Then it was time for an Easter Egg hunt organised by the Owls. Everyone had to find the chocolate egg with their name on it, BUT there was also a challenge attached that they had to do before they could pick it up, such as 'Jump up and down flapping your wings 10 times saying 'Cheep-cheep'!

After that it was time for a craft chosen and organised by the Squirrels Six. Everyone was given some clay and tools, and the Squirrels explained and demonstrated that they wanted everyone to make a clay Easter bunny, chick, nest or decorated egg.

When everyone had finished and cleaned up, it was time for a song – Fred the Moose – and then the party had come to an end. But before everyone went home, they received a goodie bag with gifts chosen by the Brownies in the Hedgehog Six – everyone received a chocolate egg, an Easter card to colour in, a little white rabbit, and an Easter Wordsearch made up by the Hedgehogs.

Everyone had good fun and enjoyed themselves, well done Brownies for planning such a great party for everyone!



1st Alloway Brownies are pleased to have found some volunteers to allow us to consider reopening come September. We will meet on Thursday evenings from 6pm-7.15pm in Alloway Church Hall. To complete our new team, we would love a Unit Helper. This is a great role for any age (male or female) with a minimum amount of involvement and responsibility. Helping each week at meetings with the girls' activities and helping to plan the term two or three times a year.

A great way to make new friends, enjoy the company of the girls and a sense of giving something back. Please call Linda to arrange to meet and chat about the role. Thank you

Linda Bamford 07812744470

Cantanti Group Concert

Wednesday 18 May 7.00pm Octagonal Hall

The Cantanti Group have won awards at the Ayrshire Music Festival and have offered to do a little concert in aid of Alloway Zumba Gold fundraising for Whiteleys Retreat. Come and enjoy a little musical evening with tea and home baking.

Tickets £5 from Zumba ladies.

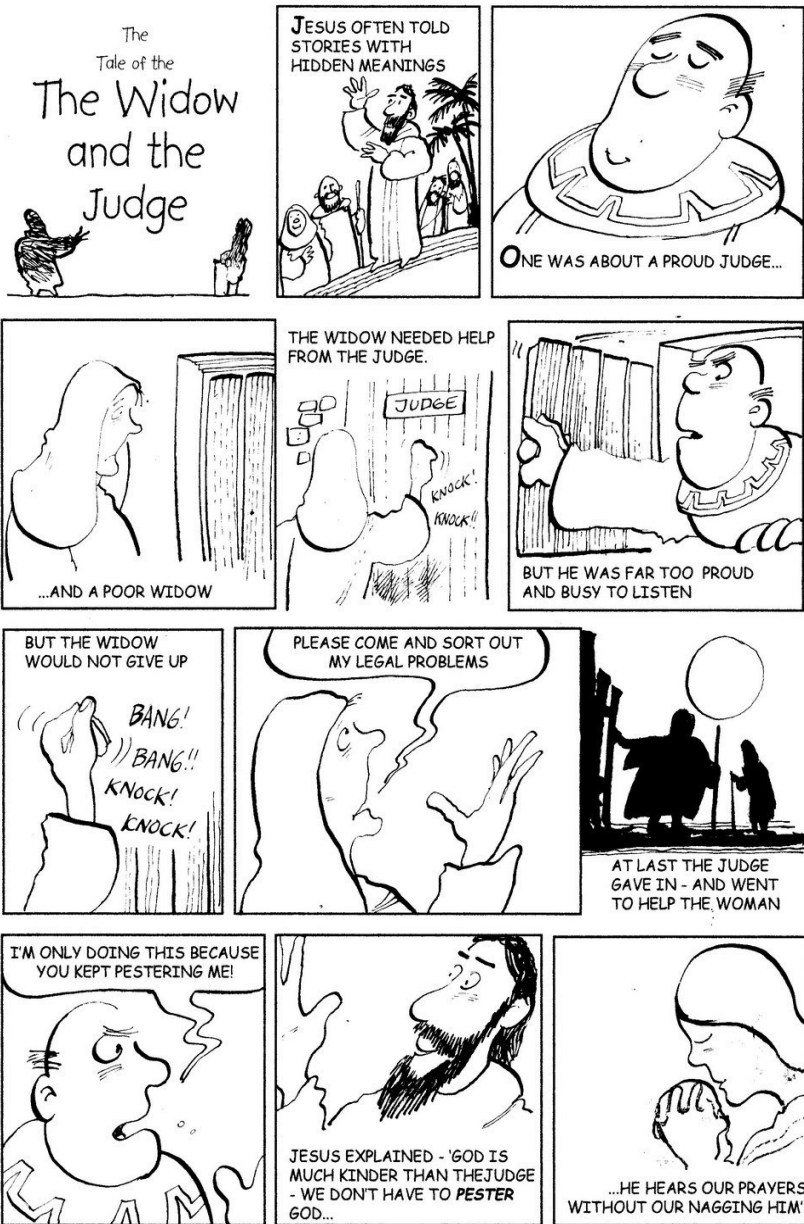
Ps Why not join the fun classes run by Gilly Ferguson
(07889049479)

Monday 1015-1115am Large Hall

Thursday 0900-1000am Octagonal Hall.

Coffee and chat after the classes.





Parish Record

"Of such is the kingdom of heaven "



10th April Emily Olivia King daughter of Jennifer and John
Bearsden

"Blessed are those who mourn they shall be comforted "



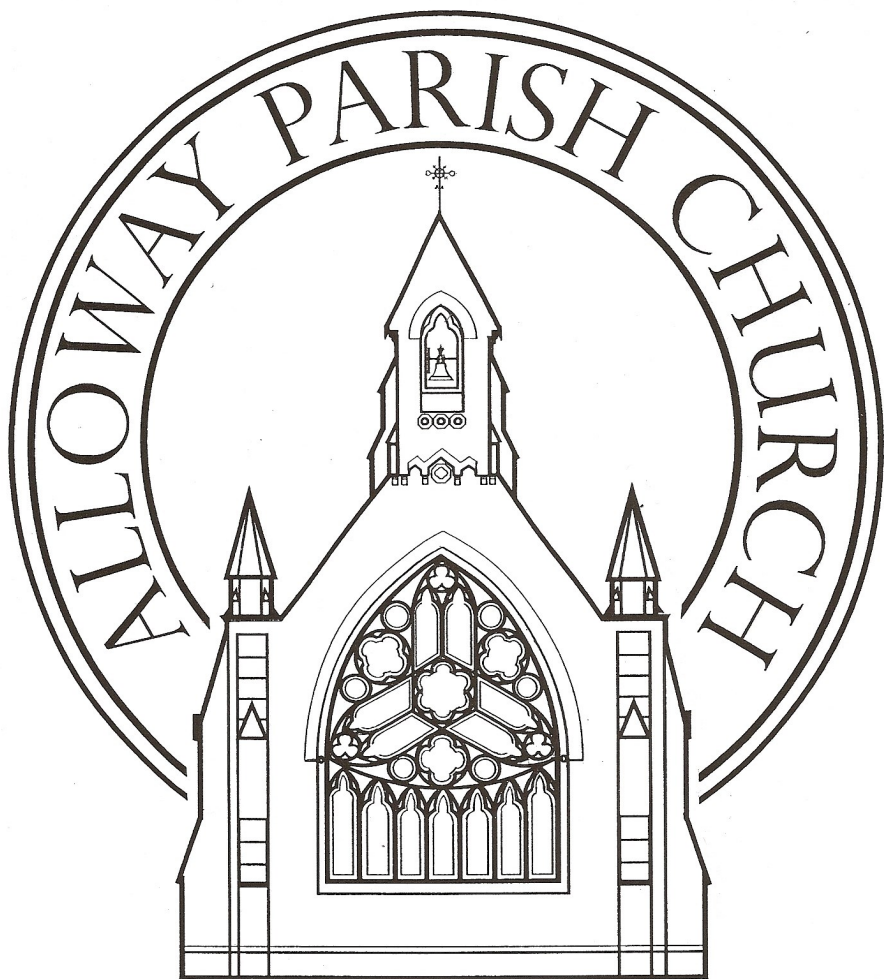
6.4.22	Mrs Rosie Hutchison	Mount Charles Crescent
6.4.22	Mr Roy Pender	Laughlanglen Road
12.4.22	Mrs Helen Beames	Coranbae Place
13.4.22	Mr Jim Cuthbert	Drumellan Road
13.4.22	Mr William Wilson	Kennedy Estate
15.4.22	Mr Robin Edgar	Woodend Road
18.4.22	Mr Andrew Young	Bathurst Drive

Deadline for June Newsletter—Tuesday 24 May—12 noon

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