



# Parish News



Dear Friends,

This is my last Parish News Article and it has crept up on me so quickly. I feel that the last few months have just flown by and the time for my departure is becoming more real as the time moves on. I have said the words and set the date but, in my heart, I never really have taken in just what that means until now. I will be sad to leave because I have made so many friends and have gotten to know so many people as well as I have truly enjoyed serving the Lord here in Condorrat. I have also enjoyed working with so many people in the church and serving the Congregation, it has been the best of experiences.

I want to thank everyone for their support during my time here and that includes Mrs. Susan Boland, all the Office Bearers, Members of the Congregation and all of the people in the Parish. We have all worked together as a team and I know that I leave the church here in very good hands. I hope that you will all pray for Mrs. Boland, the Office Bearers, and the Interim Moderator, Rev. Stuart Irvine.

I am pleased to announce that on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> May I re-admitted Mr. Gordon Ross to the Kirk Session and he was sworn in as our new Session Clerk. It was a real pleasure to work with Gordon and he has been set some tasks already and has been working away in the background. I know that he will be a blessing to you and please hold him in your prayers and offer him all the support that you can.

I was very fortunate this year once more to attend all three displays of the Uniformed Organisations, which for me proved rather poignant as they were my last. All of them, the Boys' Brigade Junior and Senior Sections, the Anchor Boys, and the Girls' Brigade were a delight as the young people involved showed off their talents and abilities and proudly received their Awards. It was most heartening to see the families attend all of these Displays and in each case, extra chairs had to be put out. I wish to thank all three for their thanks and the *Gifts of Flowers* which were beautiful and still going strong as I write.

So my friends it is time to say 'Farewell' along with my expression of *Good Wishes* at this time of parting. There is a time for everything under the sun and every activity, and it is time for me to leave and seek pastures new in Kirriemuir. I shall never forget my experiences here but, when I get home, I am staying there! I shall conduct one Wedding in October back here in Condorrat — *the last service I shall conduct in this area.* I shall not return for Weddings, Baptisms or Funerals no matter how well we know each other. We all move on and it is for the next generation of Ministers to lead you into the future.

*May the Lord Bless you*

*and Keep you,*

*And may his face shine upon you  
and give you peace.*

*Rev. Grace Saunders*

“ JUBILEE EXTRAVAGANZA ”

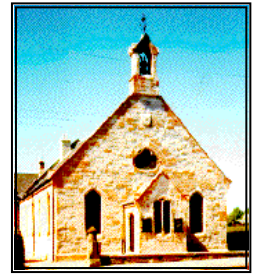
Craft Fayre & Coffee Morning on *Saturday, 18th June.*

# Cumbernauld :Condorrat Parish Church



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## **SUNDAY SERVICES:**



*Morning Worship in the Sanctuary at 11am.*

**Communion Services** (1st Sun. – March; June; September; December.).....**11 am**

Check the *Condorrat Parish Church* blog on our website or at [www.ccosfive.wordpress.com](http://www.ccosfive.wordpress.com)

### **Prayer for Condorrat**

*Circle Condorrat Lord  
Keep protection near and danger far,  
Keep hope within and despair without.*

*Circle Condorrat Lord,  
Keep light near and darkness far,  
Keep peace within and anxiety without.*

*Eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Shield Condorrat on every side.*

*Amen.*

### **Sunday Welcome Teams**



#### **June 2022**

- 5th. — Mrs. L McKeown & Team 2.  
12th. — Mrs. J Bolling & Team 3.  
19th. — Mr. J Moir & Team 4.  
26th. — Mr. J Newlands & Team 1.

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#### **CLERK to THE BOARD**

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## Coronavirus in Scotland

### Stay safe, Protect others, Save lives.

- \* Self-isolate if you have any symptoms and book a test!

\* Wash your hands often and always as soon as you return home.

- \* Always wear a face covering on public transport, shops and enclosed public spaces.

### Notes from the Clerk to the Board    June 2022

*Hello Everyone,*

As I write I am looking out of the window at an array of colourful bushes and plants in the gardens around. When I wrote the article for last month the daffodils were in full bloom, bright splashes of yellow. They have done their bit, and now there is bright green from the trees, pinks, whites, reds and blues from the bushes and flowers taking their turn to cheer our surroundings. Isn't nature wonderful? (with a bit of help from the gardeners, of course!)

Our last Congregational Board meeting was held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. In her Finance report Mrs. Kenny told us that the dispute with the music licensing people is still not resolved, in spite of enlisting the help of our local MP. They have been trying to claim a licence fee for the music we played in our church halls during Lockdown, when the church premises were closed! Despite numerous attempts to resolve this issue, and evidence provided that the Church of Scotland wouldn't let us open up, they are still pursuing it, and moving Mrs. Kenny from pillar to post in the process. Let us hope that things will be sorted out soon.

All the organisations' accounts have been audited and found to be correct.

Mr. Bennie, the Fabric Convenor, has reported on the work being done to keep our premises well maintained. Lights have been replaced, guttering fixed and maintenance done on heating systems. Work required on the Manse and its garage and driveway will be prioritised before our minister leaves us.

Our halls have been let since Lockdown eased, giving us some income. However now that the Social Group are able to organise events for us, it has been suggested that we cut back on weekend lets, and give priority to Church events. The Social Group have met

to organise a Coffee Morning and Craft Fayre for Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> June and are looking ahead to further events in the Autumn..

Our church cleaner, **Mrs. Violet Hamilton**, has announced her retirement. She has cleaned the halls and Church for about 30 years, and has served us well. We had to decide whether to employ someone to replace Violet, or to enlist volunteers. It was decided to employ someone to carry out this task.

Mrs. Liz Cochrane reported on a meeting she had with a member of the Kirk Session of Cumbernauld Old. This was with a view to exploring options with a possibility of linking our churches. We have history of working with Cumbernauld Old in the past, but no decisions will be taken until the meetings of our 'cluster' – the 5 local C of S Congregations plus Moodiesburn – have taken place. Cumbernauld Old has *Fairtrade* status so an approach will be made to give a talk, to the Guild initially, about our considering this.

At the Annual Stated Meeting of the Congregation Mrs. Kenny presented the Accounts for the year to December 2021. These had been examined independently, and were approved by those present. The minister gave a favourable account of church life over the year, her last before retiring in August. Two of our Board members, Barbara Watt and Derek Russell, have stood down after serving us well for several years. They were thanked for their service, and wished well for the future.

As our new Session Clerk, Gordon Ross, has been appointed, I have relinquished my duties as clerk to the Session. I wish Gordon well in his post and hope, with God's guidance, he finds great satisfaction in leading us through this challenging time in our church.

*Christine MacPhail*

*(Clerk to the Board)*

### The Guild

**June 2022**

Our Silent Auction was a great success, raising **£100** for our funds.

The Committee would like to thank everyone for their fabulous donations, including Mr and Mrs Ross who also donated items and stayed to join in the Auction.

Our 2021-2022 Session finished with a **Memory Lunch** when we all brought items special to us along with packed lunches. Members were encouraged to talk about what they brought.

Our AGM will take place on 8th June and we will start the new Session on 14th September at 1.30 in the Church Hall. New members will be made very welcome. Our thanks go to all our speakers and everyone who helped in any way since we returned in October last year.

**Lesley Freeland**

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*Dear Everyone,*

Can you believe that this is the last Parish News until the Autumn? It seems no time at all since the beginning of 2022.

Although the dispute over the Music Licence has not been resolved, there has been some progress. After receiving an email from PPLPRS detailing the items on which we were expected to pay a music licence, including, for example, Retiral Offerings, I have had further correspondence with them. There were numerous ludicrous items on the list but they have agreed that the music licence will be paid on hall lets only. Our MSP, Mr Jamie Hepburn, has, eventually, received a proper reply to his emails to PPLPRS. The manager at PPLPRS is now dealing with the situation and has told Mr Hepburn that she will review all the correspondence. I hope in the September issue of *Parish News* to be able to tell you that everything has been resolved to our mutual satisfaction.

We have received a legacy of £4000 in Mrs Grace Lowrie's *Will*. We thank her for her generosity and for remembering Condorrat Parish Church.

The Annual Stated Meeting was held after morning worship on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

- Further on, I shall detail some of the main points but, at this point I wish to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, the help I was given by
- Mrs Marjory Williamson who checked the Accounts and Mrs Isabel Diamond who independently examined them.
- Team Leaders and Team members, who coped admirably when dealing with the Weekly Offerings, after more disruption at the beginning of the year due to Covid restrictions. It is not easy to remember what has to be done after months away.
- Everyone who did anything to help our finances, sourcing items, sometimes even paying for them without claiming the cost, travelling to the bank or to collect items, without claiming, my grateful Thanks. These people know who they are and I know that they believe they are doing what they do to the Glory of God, not for personal glory, and for that reason they are happy to do it.

I thank everyone who has supported me during the year with helpful comments and advice. Construc-

tive criticism is always welcomed by me as that is how I learn and, hopefully, improve. With people wearing masks and my being able to see their eyes only, rather than their whole face, I was reminded of the saying that the eyes are the window of the soul. It was amazing how much people's eyes said when they were wearing masks.

\*\*\*If you wish a copy of the Accounts, please let me know.\*\*\*

Turning to some points from the Accounts:

Unfortunately, once again, our Accounts show a *deficit* and this has to be addressed. Part of the reason was that when we were closed at the beginning of the year, we had no Weekly Offerings in the *Plate*. Thank You everyone who brought their envelopes/offerings for the weeks we were closed, when we re-opened, and to those who donate directly through the bank. Without these amounts, our financial situation would be much worse.

The amounts for the Budget and Income Forecast are even more difficult to estimate this year due to various circumstances and neither can be guaranteed. The amount estimated for Fabric Repairs and Maintenance may seem high at £14,500 but, having been unable to carry out anything except emergency repairs during the pandemic, we now need to catch up. Some problems have deteriorated further and costs have risen but we must, as far as possible, keep our property in good repair.

To meet our Budget, and taking into account *all* the estimates for Income Forecast, we, the Congregation, need to find weekly **£1267**. Our weekly averages in January was **£800**, February **£838**, March **£887**. From this you can see that our Offerings have to be increased if we wish to have a Church in Condorrat. Hopefully, when life returns to normal, we shall again be able to run Fund-raising Events the income from which should help.

I hope there will be some warmer days during the summer months and that you are able to enjoy them. With restrictions less strict, do take care whatever you do and wherever you go.

*May God bless you,*

**Ann Kenny**

**LIFE**

VICAR: You know, Life - Life, is rather like opening a tin of sardines. We are all of us looking for the key. Some of us - some of us think we've found the key, don't we? We roll back the lid of the sardine tin of Life; we reveal the sardines, the riches of Life therein and we get them out; we enjoy them. But you know, there's always a little piece in the corner you just can't get out. I wonder - I wonder, is there a little piece in the corner of your life? I know there is in mine.

*Alan Bennet  
(Beyond the Fringe, 1959)*

**Did You Know.....?**

In a shed at the end of Renfrewshire's Gourock Pier in **1688**, Glasgow Merchant and Provost, Walter Gibson discovered the fish-curing technique that gave the world the '*red herring*' or *kipper*.

The expression '*red herring*', meaning a diversion from the basic issue, comes from the practice of drawing a strong-smelling or 'red herring' across the path of a hunted animal, to confuse the scent for the pursuing dogs.

Also.... at Linwood in the early 1960's, the first Car Plant in Scotland since the Second World War was opened. It produced the famous *Hillman Imp* until 1976.

And.....that prior to **1914**, there were more than 40 car makers in Scotland !



Thank You

Thank You for the beautiful bouquet of flowers I received from the church after my recent stay in hospital.  
Margaret Duff

I would like to Thank everyone for the cards and expressions of sympathy I received following the death of my husband **Keith**.  
Your kindness is truly appreciated.  
Also my gratitude to Grace for conducting the services both in the Church and at the Crematorium with such compassion.  
Sandra Prested

I'd like to Thank the Minister and Kirk Session for the beautiful Flowers and Gift which I received at the Service on 15th May as recognition of my many years working with the Sunday School. It was very generous and thoughtful.  
Lesley Freeland

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#### Who can give through Gift Aid ?

Anyone who pays Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax, which is annually at least equal to the Tax which the Congregation, and other Charities to which you make Gift Aid Donations, will reclaim on the financial value of your 'gifts' for that year.

Gift Aid Declaration Forms or further information is available from our Gift Aid Convener:....

Mrs Doreen Ross

1st Condorrat Company  
The Boys' Brigade

1st Condorrat Company  
The Girls' Brigade

We give 'Thanks' to EVERYONE for your continued support over the past two years.

Check us out on 'facebook' !

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### Sunday Morning Tea/Coffee Teams



#### June 2022

- 5th. Mrs. Cummings, Mrs Hughes & Mrs. Eadie
- 12th. Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Watt & Mrs. B. Watt
- 19th. Mrs McLellan, Mrs. Proctor & 1 other.
- 26th. Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Semple & Mrs. Freeland.

#### July 2022

- 3rd. July Mrs Diamond, Mrs. Laruzzi & 1 other.
- 10th. July Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Hughes & Mrs. Eadie.
- 17th. July Mrs. Innes, Mrs. B. Watt & Mrs. Betty Watt.
- 24th. July Mrs. McLellan, Mrs. Proctor & 1 other.
- 31st. July Mrs Graham, Mrs. Semple & Mrs. Freeland.

Mary Innes

### White Donation Boxes

Many thanks to all who continue to give a little extra through the white boxes this is very much appreciated.

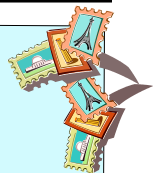
Please remember to put your name on the label on the box.

Thank you,

Mrs Doreen Ross

Remember to **SAVE**

your 'used' Postage Stamps and bring them to Church at the first opportunity.





**Funerals:**

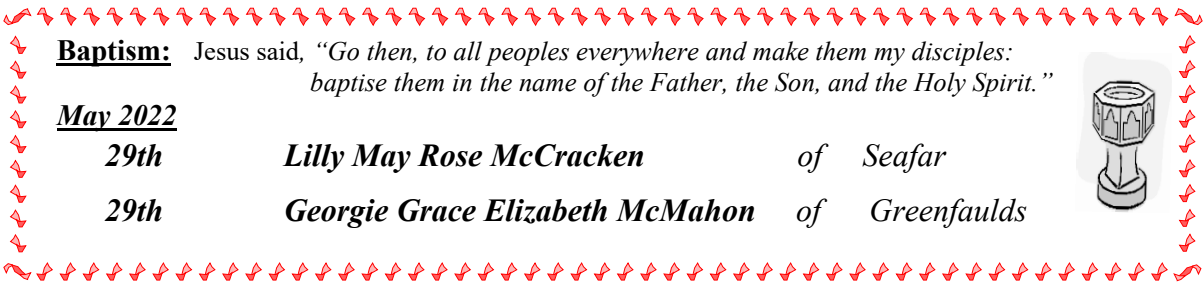
*"Blessed are they who die in the Lord."*

( \*member)



**May**

- 17th. - **Keith Prested** of Condorrat
- 20th. - **James Ferguson** of Westfield
- 20th. - **Marion Laird** of Kirkintilloch



**Baptism:**

Jesus said, *"Go then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."*

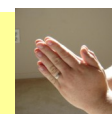
**May 2022**

- 29th **Lilly May Rose McCracken** of Seafar
- 29th **Georgie Grace Elizabeth McMahon** of Greenfaulds



**The Prayer Corner**

**June 2022**



**Prayer for ending conflict in Ukraine.**

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer,  
Living God, who shall judge between the nations, we ask that you would lead the nations in the paths of peace, and that the dividing wall of hostility would be broken down,

Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

Living God who has inspired faith across the ages, grant peace in the midst of war, and bring harmony to the commonwealth of nations,

Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayer,

Living God, who gave his only son that we might have life, we ask that you would pour out your Holy Spirit, and inspire in us hope that peace will be renewed,

Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

*Signed by Lord Wallace, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and Ten Scottish religious leaders.*

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*<sup>4</sup> He will settle disputes among great nations.  
They will hammer their swords into ploughs,  
and their spears into pruning-knives.  
Nations will never again go to war,  
never prepare for battle again.*

*<sup>5</sup> Now, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light which the Lord gives us! (ISAIAH 2 : 4-5)*

This prayer is not simply a mild hope or lightly said, it is a mighty prayer for that elusive of international human concerns, the Plea for Peace. We must always have Hope, always have Faith and always trust in God that He can and will redeem every situation.

Yes it does look dark for the people of Ukraine and in these prayers we pray for the Light to Shine in their Darkness. We remember the beginning of John's Gospel who tells us that when the Light [Jesus] came into the world, the darkness could never put it out and it never will.

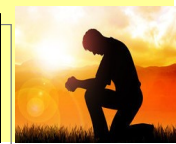
When we pray for others, we stand beside them in their pain and sorrow, this lets people know that they are not alone. It must be an encouragement to them to know that we send money and goods across in support of them. Most importantly when they are prayed for they realise that they are not alone and that God is ever with them as He is with all those caught up in conflict. May the heat of human hearts be cooled and may Peace Reign in the world.

AMEN



*All scripture is inspired by **God**; and is useful for teaching the truth; rebuking error; faults; and for giving instruction for right living.*

*2 Tim. 3:16,17.*







**1st Condorrat Company  
The Boys' Brigade**

**June 2022**

Hi Everyone,

Our Annual Displays and Prize-giving have all taken place. The first was the Junior and Company Sections, at the same time on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May due to numbers. Guest of Honour were Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, both very gracious in giving up their time helping the Company with Competitions and assisting on Parade Nights when needed. The Anchor Section Display was on Thurs.19<sup>th</sup> May, and Guest of Honour was Mrs. Hamilton. Violet has been a faithful 'helper' for many years, both at Session nights and our Annual Camps. All Sections put on good performances of their games and activities.

Our Annual Camp, at PLG Dalguise by Perth, on the week-end of 20<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May was our last activity for the 2021/2022 Session.

It was a very enjoyable week end - weather was not too bad and we were blessed with some sunshine. The camp had *new* activities and some of the other sites were upgraded which made for a more exciting time. This year we only had nine Boys taking part in the excursion.

I was very impressed with all the boys who climbed a 75ft tall tree - all of them overcoming their fear of heights. 2 two Boys made it to the top to ring the bell! In another activity, Raft Building, well it turned into a bit of a disaster - it sank!! Once again I was delighted to see Boys overcome their fear of the water and tackling each situation they found themselves in - one boy even jumping into the water to take hold of the rope and bring them ashore.

I should point out that all Safety Precautions are in place and fully explained to the Boys before each event. No one is ever in danger, and the water is not deep. I would to thank Mr. Russell for organizing the whole of the weekend including transport, it is much appreciated.

For further information regarding BB activities, uniforms or an update on what's happening please check our web-site

**Andrew Eadie**  
(Company Captain)

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**The Social Group**

**June 2022**

Our first Fundraising Event since Covid restrictions were reduced is a 'Jubilee Extravaganza' **Coffee Morning and Craft Fayre** on Saturday June 18th at 11am (going on until everyone has gone home). Tickets are **£3** (including Coffee and Cake) and **£1** for children. You can pay at the door but Tickets will be available from any Social Group Member before hand.

Also..... a *Lucky Number Draw!*

There will be **20** tables of **Crafters** - some old faces and a lot of new ones so do come along and support their businesses while *they* support our event.

**Donations of baking etc. for the Coffee Room and Gifts for the Lucky Number Draw will be very welcome** either on the day or on *any* Sunday before the day.

Do come along and support not only the Church but all the Crafters who come to support us too.

Everybody welcome .

**Margaret McCallum**  
(Social Convener)

This is the last Parish News for the 2021/2022 year but please remember that Articles for Parish News are welcome at any time from *anyone* in the Congregation.

**The Girls' Brigade**

**June 2022**

Hi Folks

Well that's the Session over for another year. We have had our Parents Evening which was good after the 'trials' of the past two years. At the end of last month we also had the week-end at Camp at Lockerbie Manor, which was fabulous and all that attended had a great time.

Our Enrolment Night for the new *Session 2022/2023*, will be on Tuesday, 23rd August between 7pm and 8pm.

We start back on the **Tuesday 30th August.**



Girls in Primary 1 - 6th year at school are welcome to come along and join us. Just email : [first.condorrat.gb@hotmail.com](mailto:first.condorrat.gb@hotmail.com).

**Explorers P1-P3 - 6.15 -7.15**  
**Juniors P4-P7 - 7.30 - 9.00**  
**Brigadiers S1-S6 - 7.30 -9.00**

*Thank you for your continued support.*

**Nicola Gilmore**  
(Captain)

## Checking In

A minister passing through his church  
In the middle of the day  
Decided to pause by the altar  
And see who had come to pray.  
Just then the back door opened,  
A man came down the aisle.

The minister frowned as he saw  
The man hadn't shaved in a while.  
His shirt was shabby, old,  
And his coat was worn and frayed.  
The man knelt, he bowed his head  
Then rose and walked away.

In the days that followed,  
Each noon time came this chap.  
Each time he knelt just for a moment,  
A lunch pail in his lap.  
Well, the minister's suspicions grew,  
With robbery a main fear.  
He decided to stop the man and ask him,  
"What are you doing here?"

The old man said he worked down the road.  
Lunch was half an hour.  
Lunchtime was his prayer time  
For finding strength and power.  
"I stay only moments, see,  
Because the factory is so far away.  
As I kneel here talking to the Lord,  
This is what I say:

*'I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL YOU, LORD,  
HOW HAPPY I'VE BEEN  
SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHER'S  
FRIENDSHIP,  
AND YOU TOOK AWAY MY SIN.  
I DON'T KNOW MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY,  
BUT I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERY DAY.  
SO, JESUS, THIS IS JIM,  
CHECKING IN TODAY.'*

The minister, feeling foolish,  
Told Jim, that was fine.  
He told the man he was welcome  
To come and pray just anytime.  
Time to go, Jim smiled, and said "Thanks."  
He sped to the door.

The minister knelt at the altar,  
He'd never done it before.  
His cold heart melted, warmed with love,  
And met with Jesus there.  
As the tears flowed, in his heart,  
He repeated old Jim's prayer:

*'HOW HAPPY I'VE BEEN,  
SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHER'S  
FRIENDSHIP,  
AND YOU TOOK AWAY MY SIN.  
I DON'T KNOW MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY,  
BUT I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERY DAY.  
SO, JESUS, THIS IS ME,  
CHECKING IN TODAY.'*

Past noon one day, the minister noticed  
That old Jim hadn't come.  
As more days passed without Jim,  
He began to worry some.  
At the factory, he asked about him,  
Learning he was ill.

The hospital staff was worried,  
But he'd given them a thrill.  
The week that Jim was with them,  
Brought changes in the ward.  
His smiles, a joy contagious.  
Changed people, were his reward.

The head nurse couldn't understand  
Why Jim was so glad  
When no flowers, calls or cards came,  
Not a visitor he had.  
The minister stayed by his bed,  
He voiced the nurse's concern:

No friends came to show they cared.  
He had nowhere to turn.  
Looking surprised, old Jim spoke up  
And with a winsome smile;  
'The nurse is wrong, she couldn't know,  
That in here all the while.

Everyday at noon, He's here,  
A dear friend of mine, you see,  
He sits right down, takes my hand,  
Leans over and says to me:

*I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL YOU, JIM,  
HOW HAPPY I HAVE BEEN,  
SINCE WE FOUND THIS FRIENDSHIP,  
AND I TOOK AWAY YOUR SIN.  
I ALWAYS LOVE TO HEAR YOU PRAY,  
AND I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERY DAY.*

*SO JIM, THIS IS JESUS,  
CHECKING IN TODAY.'*

Author Unknown  
(from Variety Reading)

(from Gordon Ross)

### Text Abbreviations for the Elderly

ATD - At The Doctors  
ROFL&CGU - Rolling On the Floor  
Laughing & Can't Get Up  
CR - Can't Remember

FWIW - Forgot Where I Was  
IMHO - Is My Hearing Aid On?  
BYOT - Bring Your Own Teeth  
WAITT - Who Am I Talking To?



**FAMILY DEVELOPMENT WORK/  
OUTREACH**

**June 2022**

Hi Folks,

Our Toddlers Praise held on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June in the church was well received although a little thin on the ground with Pre-school children. Our next one will be on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm - so let's get the word out, eh? There'll be an advert on the church's facebook page but word of mouth can sometimes be better. The group of volunteers and myself will be looking at theme's for the afternoon at our meeting in early June. Please let family and friends know of the Toddlers Praise service and invite them along.

We are looking towards installing Broadband into the Sanctuary which will provide a far better signal for live-streaming. This will hopefully be installed in June/July.

I was invited to attend 1<sup>st</sup> Condorrat Girls' Brigade Display Night on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May where I was asked to inspect the Girls. Their uniforms were a credit to them and their parents and it is obvious that 1<sup>st</sup> Condorrat Girls' Brigade have come through

the pandemic with renewed heart. The Officers have plenty of energy and enthusiasm, which is passed onto the girls who participated fully in the games, maze marching and singing. I thoroughly enjoyed watching their display.

I have attended two recent Glasgow Presbytery Meetings, one on zoom and the other in person. Neither gave me much confidence in my position as MDS (*Missionary Development Staff*) in Cumbernauld, with one in particular causing a great deal of confusion, hurt and angst to all. These are uncertain times and I would ask for prayer for all involved in Presbytery Planning and those who face an uncertain future.

I shall be attending a Training Session on Zoom on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am, entitled "Journeying through change". This will focus on dealing with the uncertainties as an MDS member in the Church today.

These are uncertain times for all C of S Congregations as the Church consolidates and renews itself in changing times. I ask for your prayers as Condorrat moves forward with renewed hope.

**Susan Boland**

**More quotes from the 'gentler' sex:**

'If men can run the world, why can't they stop wearing neck-ties? How intelligent is it to start the day by tying a noose round your neck ?

*Linda Ellerbe.*

'Men play harder than they work.  
Women work harder than they play'

*Mary Roberts Rinehart.*

'A woman past forty should make up her mind to be young – not her face.'

*Billie Burke.*

'Being an old maid is like death by drowning – a really delightful sensation after you cease to struggle.'

*Edna Ferber.*

A person should have enough education so she doesn't have to look up to anyone. She should also have enough to be wise enough not to look down on anyone.

There is only one way to acquire wisdom. But when it comes to making a fool of yourself, you have the choice of thousands of different ways.

**What is Good**

*'What is the real good?'*

I asked in musing mood.

Order, said the law court;  
Knowledge, said the school;  
Truth, said the wise man;  
Pleasure, said the fool;  
Love, said the maiden;  
Beauty, said the page;  
Freedom, said the dreamer;  
Home, said the sage;  
Fame, said the soldier;  
Equity, the seer; -

Speak my heart full sadly,  
'The answer is not here.'

Then within my bosom  
Softly this I heard:

*'Each heart holds the secret;  
Kindness is the word.'*

*John Boyle O'Reilly*

**Four Things**

Four things a man must learn to do  
If he would make his record true:  
To think without confusion clearly;  
To love his fellow-men sincerely;  
To act from honest motives purely;  
To trust in God and Heaven securely.

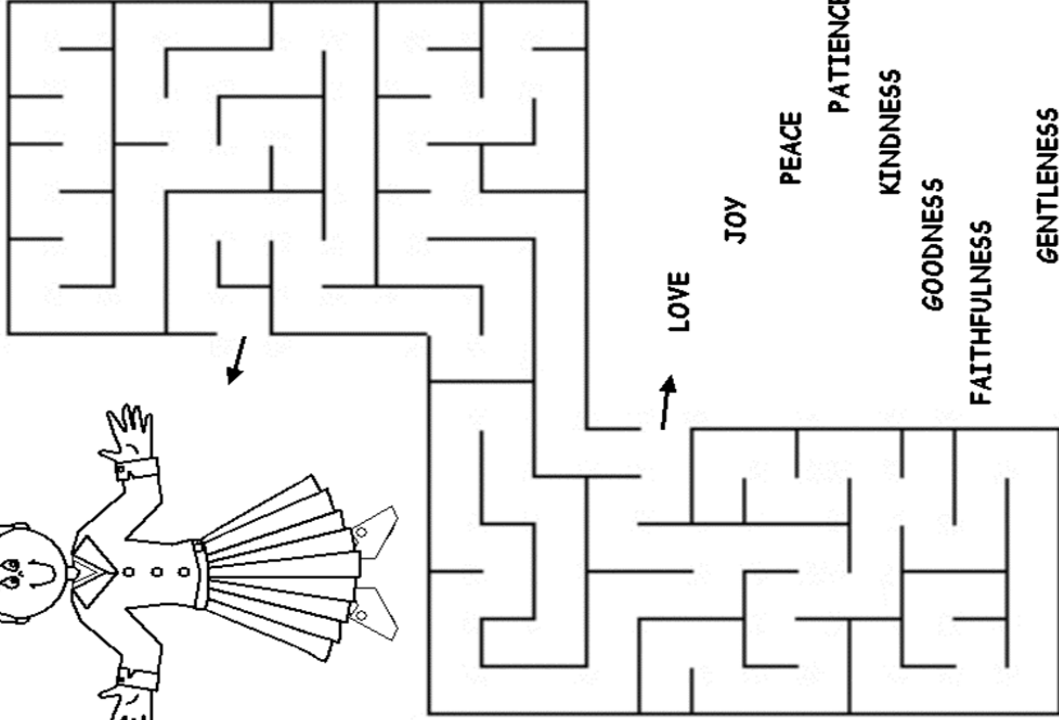
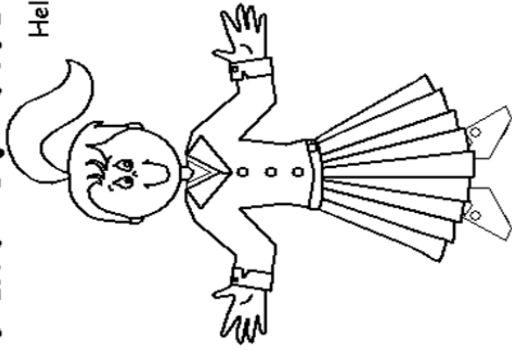
*Henry Van Dyke*

**A Scots pessimist is one who feels badly when he feels good for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better.**

*Old Scottish Saying.*

# Fruit of the Spirit Maze

Help the girl find the different fruit of the Spirit.



LOVE

JOY

PEACE

PATIENCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

GENTLENESS

SELF CONTROL

## On Pentecost Sunday (5th June this year) the Holy Spirit filled the Church with power.

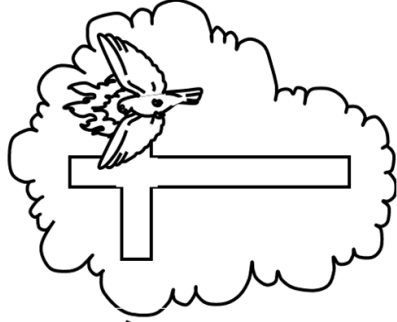
The account in Acts 2 reports that, after Jesus ascended into heaven, Jesus' followers were gathered together for the Feast of Harvest (aka Pentecost), and the Holy Spirit "filled the whole house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:2). "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:4).

This strange occurrence drew a large crowd, and Peter stood up to speak to them about repentance and the Gospel of Christ (Acts 2:14). By the end of the day that the Holy Spirit came, and the Church grew by 3,000 people (Acts 2:41). This is why Christians still celebrate Pentecost

# Pentecost Word Search

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CHURCH  
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