



**The Herald Castlehill Parish Church
Autumn 2024**

Editorial

The front cover on this edition of The Herald shows various pictures from the Boys' Brigade's recent trip to Romania. It shows time spent with the local gypsy children, a group picture with all the gypsy children wearing t-shirts they had decorated, a visit to Janko's grave and a cultural trip to Alba Carolina Fortress. More information on what the boys got up to is in the Boys' Brigade article of the magazine.

The rest of the magazine covers many organisations restarting over the next month or so. I would encourage you to attend as many events as possible. The Coffee Shop are seeking volunteers to assist on a Tuesday morning -please contact Linda Telfer if you can help out.

Rachel Queen, Editor

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Have your say

If you have any comments to make on the Magazine, please feel free to do so by letter or email to herald@castlehillchurch.org. We are always pleased to consider any articles for the magazine from members of the congregation. These can also be sent to the same email address.

From The Manse



Dear Friends

I write this at the start of meteorological autumn, although some might feel we missed out on summer, given the varied weather we have experienced this year! It has been an unusual year.

It has been an unusual year for me health wise because I contracted a rare condition called achalasia which led to me being on a liquid diet for many months before I achieved a diagnosis and then had a wait for surgery and the recovery from that. All is improving and given a few more months, I should be back to full eating again. Can I express my sincere thanks to all who sent good wishes to me while I was off work and to all who have inquired for my health since.

Some limitations still linger for me: they will be short-lived now. Can I stress that these will not impose any financial burdens on the congregation at all – the cover while I was off was paid by Edinburgh and alternative transport costs are not funded by the Church, local or national, contrary to a comment which was passed to me. I regret that my unforeseen health issue has limited my involvement in work for the first half of the year and that irritated some people. It is my aim to get back to full power as soon as possible. I move forward with a positive attitude, and I do, as you know, encourage that for everyone in every issue.

The Church of Scotland is, as you will recall, going through significant changes at present. The Presbytery of the SW has completed just over half of these unions. As we have two sitting ministers in our situation, both Kirk Sessions involved - Castlehill and St Leonards – have discussed a draft Deferred Union to cover both congregations when a vacancy occurs. This has received broad agreement at both Sessions and will now be passed to the Presbytery Planning Committee and then for national approval. At this point in time, while it may involve further meetings which look for a congregational vote, in the medium term, it will involve no changes for either congregation, although we shall encourage joint worship and shared intimation of other activities between Castlehill and St Leonards.

Shirley and I are about to depart on two weeks holiday and while I am away, Brian Hendrie will provide essential pastoral cover, as I covered for him when he was on leave. I value the close co-operation we have together.

We are entering the busier time of our congregational year: please partake of as many activities as possible and also invite friends, neighbours and others in the community to join us: all in our community come under our care and we want all to feel welcome here. Please share that hand of friendship to anyone you know and let's try to augment our groups to be more inclusive of members of the congregation and the community!

May you know God's richest blessings at this time whatever is happening in your life.

Paul

SERVICES AHEAD

BREAKFAST SERVICE	SAT 21ST SEPTEMBER 9.30AM
AYR GUILDS TOGETHER	WEDS 25TH SEPTEMBER 2.00PM
HARVEST THANKSGIVING	SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024
BB BATTALION SERVICE	SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER. 2.30P.M.
BB DEDICATION SERVICE	SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2024
REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024
ADVENT 1 COMMUNION	SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2024
ADVENT SERVICES 7PM	SUNDAYS 1ST – 22ND DECEMBER

ALL ARE WELCOME AT ALL OF THESE SERVICES.

LET'S EXPLORE FAITH IN A RELAXED WAY!

We are going to hold a short discussion group on a Sunday evening for an hour 7-8p.m. beginning Sunday 29th September. No qualifications necessary – it's a chance for us all to ask questions about how our faith relates to some of the burning issues of our time so the subject will change each time and may be suggested by the participants. It is intended as a very informal session for church members and all others to chat about significant things that are happening in our community, the world and the church. Come along and give the group a try!

INQUIRERS' GROUP

If you are not a member of the Church and would like to find out what is involved in that, speak to Paul over the next month and we shall see if there is interest in holding a 6 session Inquirers' Group. Even if you only want to find out more, or if you take such a group and decide that it is not the right time for you, still get in touch!

UKRAINE JOINT SERVICES

These will continue on a monthly basis as long as the war continues but with the arrival of autumn they will be moving inside again and each month the Intimations will mention which congregation is the host church. They are short services: if you can join them, please do.

SCHOOLS' CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

This December we shall not only host the Belmont Academy Christmas concert on 9th December but also the Kyle Cluster Christmas concert the following Thursday. We look forward to welcoming many of the young people from our community to entertain us with their music. Please support these concerts if you can.

Finance

This is an update on the church finances because our monthly income is less than the expenditure.

Our electricity and gas supplies are with a contract the national Church of Scotland has. The electricity contract changed in September 2023 and over the winter months the monthly cost was around £1,200. The gas contract changed on 1 April and I anticipate the winter cost will be similar to the electricity one. The previous contracts lasted for 3 years and we were cushioned from rising costs during that time. The current contracts will last for 2 years.

Each congregation gives Giving to Grow contributions to the national church and this year we are due £51,729. This is paid over 12 months by payments of £4,310.75 each month. Last year Presbytery dues paid were £1,289 but we have not yet been told what we have to pay this year.

As well as electricity and gas our costs for salaries, insurance for church and manse, cleaning church and halls, garden maintenance, manse council tax and the council emptying the bins have all increased. Repair and maintenance of the church, halls and manse is ongoing.

I claim Gift Aid each month and once a year claim on the Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme and the Listed Places of Worship Scheme which lets us claim back VAT charged on eligible work done on the premises. I also claim under the Scottish Government Water and Sewerage Charge Exemption Scheme each year.

We have some groups which hire our halls and they are charged monthly. Church groups, local community and charity groups are not charged for using the halls but give a donation when they can.

Money from the congregation is received by standing order, the Free Will Offering envelopes or put in the offering plate on Sundays. Some people increase what they give each year and we hope more people would feel able to do this. We realise the current financial situation in the country and things like the winter fuel allowance being cancelled might mean some people have to give less to the church and we completely understand this. We are grateful for everything members of the congregation are able to give.

Margaret Devlin, Treasurer

Attention Photographers

We are looking to update the banner photograph on the Church website, if you have a photograph which can be used for this purpose please send it to Margaret Graham, maggie641.mg@gmail.com, for consideration.

The Units finished off at the end of last term with Monday night Brownies and Tuesday Night Brownies having Pack Holidays at Nether Auchendrane. The Rainbows finished with a trip to the Farm Park.



Monday Brownies started back up with "Draw the Perfect Brownie" and thinking up Rules for the unit.



Monday Guides visited the Alpacas at Hannahston.

Tuesday Units started up with a fun night.

Both Rainbow Units have started up with new Leaders. Monday night Rainbows will be led by Beth Askwith and her Team and Tuesday night Rainbows by Carol Thomson and her Team. We would thank Beth and Carol for agreeing to lead the units again. We would thank Ashleigh Maxton for the time she has given to both units over the past few years.



Dalrymple will be starting up again under the Leadership of Beth Askwith. Dawn and Shelley have stepped down due to other commitments and we would thank Dawn and Shelley for the time they have given to Dalrymple.

Girlguiding is desperately in need of volunteers at this time not just in our own District but in the County.

If there is anyone who would like to get involved in Girlguiding in any way. Please go onto the Girlguiding UK website and express an interest.

We are looking forward to what lies ahead in the next few months

Yours in Guiding

Rachel Richmond and Linda McClurkin

Joint District Commissioners

Monday Night Guides

On a very wet March evening we went to Little Acorns Forest School, the girls enjoyed axe throwing stone carving and a sewing project using sheep's wool the girls carded. Our newer girls held their Promise Ceremony by the fire and celebrated with S'mores by firelight.

In March a delegation travelled to Glasgow to participate in a Youth Scotland event with Scouts, Guides, B.B. and other youth groups with a focus on health and wellbeing. Workshops included drumming, dance, drama, nail art, music, team building games and lots of foods to try. An amazing day and everyone got a free hoodie.



Prime Cuts Butcher

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Easter saw us with spring crafts, our own Easter egg hunt and lots of fun.

In June we held our residential in Dailly: lots of walking, taking in the beautiful open spaces and newly opened walking paths at castles. We held a community afternoon tea with crafts, karaoke and games. It was a lovely weekend.

Unit nights were used for badges and skill builders on a variety of subjects from first aid to WW2. We built outdoor showers and gadgets. We had a number of girls received Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards - congratulations to all.

As we head back after our Summer break we look forward to new adventures. The Unit remains strong with numbers steady.

Christine, Angie and Trisha

Youth Church

Thank you to the ladies who provided their time on a Sunday morning for those who wished to attend Youth Church. Linda, Cathy, Margaret, Brenda, Mary and Isobel (not in the picture).

Summer holiday club thank you to all the volunteers who were prepared to assist at God's Secret Agent Club in August. Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to cancel it this year.



M Graham

During the winter months we provided a warm bowl of soup after our church service on the 1st Sunday of the month (October through to March). The proceeds from these lunches helped us build up our white crockery for use by all groups in the main hall and north hall. Hopefully we will be able to continue this later in the year.



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We have had a very busy time since our last contribution to the Herald.

On Sunday 28th April a team of seven from the 17th Ayr took part in the Glasgow Kilt Walk, a 23-mile charity walk from Glasgow Green to Balloch. It is a challenge - this is the third time we have used this event to raise funds for Romania. We raised over £7,000 which was incredible. The other fund-raising event we organised was a race night at the Kincaidston Community Centre which we held on 1st June. This was so well attended we had to come to Castlehill to get extra tables and chairs. We raised £1,800 on a very entertaining evening. Thankfully, because of the increased costs, the fundraising helped us balance the books.



On 10th May we held what used to be our annual display. This was the first time we managed to hold the event since 2019. It was a joy to have all three sections along with their parents in the Main Hall together where we were able to celebrate every boy's achievement.

We enjoyed our sixth trip to Romania in August. I find it hard to believe we have been to visit the Rhema Foundation six times now especially since, after the first trip, I said I would never do it again. The stress of dealing with Wizz Air had been too much for me. Thankfully time lessened the pain. The only stressful element of this trip was worrying if everyone would turn up at 2.30am for the bus to Edinburgh airport which, thankfully, everyone did. The return journey was an equally early start with a 6 hour bus journey to Bucharest airport.



At the Foundation we spent our mornings entertaining pre school children from the gypsy community. Each day we had about 20 children. Our boys entertained them with action songs which were simple enough for the children to pick up and join in with. We took t-shirts with us which the children decorated and took home. The boys helped them with painting and clay modelling. We also played a lot of games, tug of war was a favourite. Along with the fun we also spent some time helping with jobs like painting, building new children's outdoor equipment and adventure toys amongst other odd jobs.

For leisure the boys went to the local waterpark, the Weekender, most afternoons. The weather was constantly around 30 degrees while we were in Targu Mures. We also went on a day trip to Alba Carolina Citadel, a Roman fortress which has been in existence for over 1,000 years. In Romanian, alba means white. It was a fascinating place in which the boys took a great interest. On the same day we visited the Rapa Rosie, the Red Ravine. It was a challenge for some of us because of the terrain but worth it for the stunning landscape. In the evening of the same day we went to our favourite Hungarian restaurant where we treated the Foundation staff to a very enjoyable meal at very reasonable prices.



The main reason we go to Romania is the relationship with Ibi, her staff and in particularly the residents. Since we were told, after our third trip, we were the only group who had ever returned, it has been our desire to make sure the young people who were all abandoned as babies, not feel abandoned by us. There is a very strong bond now between the residents and us, it is genuinely emotional when we have to depart. The value of what we do was expressed to us by Ibi, not just physically being there, but also the financial input we have. She specifically

highlighted the donation which we made towards the funeral of Janko. We all went to Janko's grave to pay our respects, for those of us who have known him since our first visit it was quite an emotional moment.

Ibi asked us to pass on her thanks to the congregation of Castlehill for your continued support. Our contributions are more needed now than ever. The Foundation has lost funding from one of their biggest contributors. When the children were first taken from the "orphanage" to the Foundation, it was with the backing of Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow who ran Scottish International Relief. You might remember me talking about the man who was asked to help financially. During his decision making process he visited the hospital too see for himself. He declared the two things which struck him were the silence and the stench. He understood the need for support and committed Scottish International Relief to help financially with the formation of the Foundation. The charity rebranded and became Mary's Meals. Magnus has told Ibi the charity can no longer support the Foundation. Instead, they are focusing their efforts in Africa. It was with a heavy heart Ibi told us this. Although she understands the reason for the change in focus, it does leave a financial hole.

I want to pay tribute to an honorary member of the 17th Ayr. I don't imagine there will be many readers of this article who are familiar with the name "Charlie" in relation to the 17th Ayr. In 1969 we acquired a disused old fashioned guards van which we called "Charlie". The guards van was procured by the father of one of our members Alex Bennet, his father worked on the railway. Then the father of Archie Crocket who worked at Killoch colliery organised the Killoch joiners to refurbish the van. It was converted into accommodation for 10 with bunks and cooking facilities etc. A site



Charlie on the first day on site



The inside of Charlie when I visited (Feb '08)

was found for the van on a farm near Loch Bradon. Knockdon farm, owned by Hamish Murdoch and his family, welcomed Charlie on to their land. I remember my first stay at Charlie as a 12 year old with a young officer in charge, Lt Paul Russell! Hamish's son Jamie, was ages with me. Jim Bloomer, captain at the time, made him an honorary member. Jamie came to camp with us in 1974 when we went to Douglas in the Isle of Man. The van passed from 17th Ayr to 1st Alloway and then to John Lumsden, former member of 17th Ayr. He kept n touch with Jamie. Last month John contacted me to tell me Jamie had been killed on the farm in a quad bike accident. I wanted to acknowledge Jamie and his family's connection to the 17th Ayr and remember his wife Jane and their children at this sad time. Charlie is still in situ on Knockdon Farm.

Ian Queen

Coffee Shop

The coffee shop starts back on Tuesday 1st October. We look forward to seeing all the old faces and hope to welcome many new faces as well. We're also urgently looking for more volunteers to continue this season, please get in touch if you would be interested in volunteering.

Linda Telfer



Can I start by thanking everyone who supports the South Ayrshire Foodbank. I hope the printed list in the intimations is of use but all donation are very gratefully received by the distribution centre in Prestwick. The monies received enable us to buy items needed for our Hub at Castlehill.

Forehill School donated £160, the money from their closing service in the church, to our Castlehill Foodbank so it is a very big thank you to everyone involved. We also have to thank our BB's for a donation of toiletries. Without your help the Foodbank could not give the help to people in need. Your efforts are very worthwhile.

Margaret Gerrard

Winter Activities Afternoons

Our Warm Spaces afternoons will resume on September 19th from 2pm to 4pm for the autumn and winter. All are welcome from our local community to attend, there is no charge for the afternoon. Come along for a chat over a tea and coffee. You can also enjoy crafting activities, play cards or do a jigsaw. We also over the session welcome our local nursery children and do simple craft activities with the children. These are always enjoyable afternoons.

Our aim is to combat loneliness and form new friendships in a relaxing and welcoming atmosphere.

Liz Hardie, Lead

Social Report

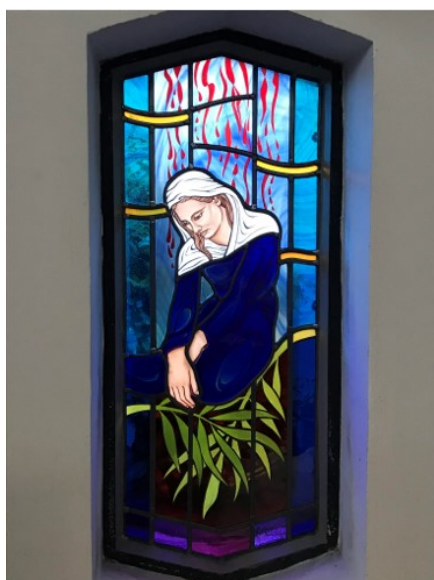
Below are the social activities arranged over the next few months, please attend where you can.

Beetle drive on the 18th September 7.30pm North hall

Outside clean up 12th October 10am-12pm all welcome even if you can only stay a short time .

Christmas Fayre on the 7th December 10am-12pm tickets on sale in October

The Social Committee



You will never be asked
for any monies to watch
the stream of any
service at Castlehill
Church.

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SCAM.**

Fabric Report

We have been busy over the summer getting work done. We have installed some sockets in the church and repaired some others. We have also checked all the lights and the emergency lights, two needed replaced for safety reasons. We had several leaks in the roof and also in the window area of the minister's room, this has been repaired at a cost of £1600 for the two repairs. The North Hall also had work done, after the terrible rain we found a leak which had damaged the ceiling and the wall. This had to be stripped out and replaced, also 3 tiles replaced this cost £750. We also repaired the kitchen wall which had been damaged following months of rain. We hope this will save the North Hall from any problems over the winter.

We had several trees pruned back and we had one removed.

We gave the manse its annual MOT. This involved getting a company in to check for dampness. Their report was positive although they recommended an extractor fan for one of the bathrooms which we had installed. Thanks to everyone for your support and can I remind you if you see any issues needing addressed you can note it in the books that are in and around the church and we will get things checked out asap.

The Fabric Committee

BIBLE RIDDLES

WHO AM I? Match the bible event with the person associated with it.

1.	I lived for 900 years.	a.	Land of Nod
2.	I ate locust in the desert	b.	Methuselah
3.	Reuben is my first child	c.	Three wisemen
4.	I was the only woman judge	d.	John the Baptist
5.	My brother stole my birthright	e.	Deborah
6.	I solved 'Mene, mene, tekel, parsin'	f.	Lot
7.	I am the father of faith	g.	Joseph
8.	We brought baby Jesus gifts	h.	Jacob
9.	I killed a lion with bare hands	i.	Esau
10.	I'm famous for the burning bush	j.	Hosea
11.	My wife turned into a pillar of salt	k.	Daniel
12.	I said Jesus will be born in Bethlehem	l.	Moses
13.	I am the land east of Eden	m.	Samson
14.	I was sold into slavery	n.	Abraham
15.	I am the last King of Israel	o.	Micah

Answers on page 14—no peeking!

History of Castlehill Bowling Club

The Men's Guild were struggling to entice new members. Speakers were sometimes difficult to find. They sometimes had a games night and had obtained some second-hand carpets and bowls. The attendances for that were better than other meetings and it was suggested that they should start a Bowling Club.

A committee meeting was held and they, Bill Jackson, Andrew Irvine and Edgar Grierson, agreed that this should happen. The Men's Guild disbanded in October 1995 and on January 17th, 1996, a Bowling Club was formed. It was decided that it should be open to both men and women and there was a good response, with 20 people showing an interest and bowling started in the North Hall the following week. Of the 20 original members only two remain as members, Margaret and Wellwood Grierson. The annual subscription was £2.00 plus 30p for tea. It was agreed that as numbers were increasing and due to lack of space the Club would move to the main hall.

In September 1999 with the aid of a local government grant new carpets were purchased. The move to the main hall however posed a slight problem. The carpets were stored in a cupboard in the North Hall and the move required the storage to be made under the stage. This was a major task to carry them up and replace them at the end of each session and required four able bodied men to do that. After some time, it was decided to build storage cupboards and John McDermott agreed to do that and with some help from the committee the storage facility was provided at the chancel end of the hall, where they are today.

Edgar Grierson was elected President, a post he held until his death on 5th March 2003. Wellwood Grierson, Vice President, succeeded as President until March 2011, and was followed by David Kerr, who held the office until 2022. During Covid the club did not meet, and a meeting was held in August 2022 to start the club again. David Kerr indicated that he no longer wished to continue and George Neil, Vice President agreed to take on the position of President. He is our President at present.

Through the early years membership continued to rise and in 2004 it was decided that since we now had over 40 members, an additional day's bowling would be held on Wednesdays. This ensured that everyone had the opportunity to have a game every week. After the resumption of club activities in 2022, since there was a big reduction in members, it was decided we would only play on Monday afternoons.

Part of the tradition of the Club has been an annual outing to Girvan Bowling Club where the aspects of outdoor bowls would be experienced by the members. Some had never played outdoors and many of the guests invited along, both from our congregation and other Churches and from the Parish, all enjoyed a great afternoon of bowling and excellent high teas supplied by Girvan Bowling Club. Sometimes over 40 would attend. The first outing was in 2005. In all these years only once did rain affect the outing and 4 ends were played by a hardy few.

It was decided that in our Jubilee Year we should have a bowling competition on 26th and 27th May 2016 and invitations were sent out to all the Churches in Ayr and by advertising, to anyone in our congregation or in the Parish to put their names forward. David Kerr the president organised the event with the help of his committee.

48 put their names forward and a ladies and gents singles competition was held, a round robin in groups of four on the Thursday. This allowed everyone to have at least three games, and the winners and runners up were in a knockout competition on the Friday. The ladies' winner was Jean Hunt and the runner up Margaret Grierson. The gent's winner was Wellwood Grierson with the runner up David Yeats.

It was an enjoyable two days, and everyone appreciated the teas, coffees and "goodies" supplied by the Bowling Club ladies

A big part of the bowling year is participating in the various competitions. Many of the trophies were donated and the names emblazoned on these trophies.



The first trophy played for was the gents singles in 1996. The source of this is not known. The first winner was Wellwood Grierson, the runner up was Bill Jackson one of the committee members of the Men's Guild.

The ladies' singles trophy, the Bill and Betty Duncan Trophy, was first played for in 2006. On Bill's death he left a sum of money to the Club, and it was decided to use this for the new Trophy. Bill was the Church auditor for many years. The first winner was Nancy Gordon with the runner up being Jean Hunt.





In 2007 The Club proposed that a Gents Pairs competition be started, and a silver salver was presented by Margaret and Wellwood Grierson. The first winners of this were Pat Patterson and Jim Roy, with runners up being Wellwood Grierson and Alex Smith.

In 1999 the Ina Walker Trophy for mixed pairs was given to the Club by Ina Walker. She will be remembered as a hard-working committee member, not only of the Bowling Club but also on other committees in the Church. She also made and gave the stage curtains to the Church. Tragically she and her husband died on the same day at their home in Hillfoot Road. The first winners were Mary Simpson and Wilma McKie, with the runners up Margaret Paton and Helen Robertson. It may seem strange to see that the names were all ladies but at that time there were more lady members than gents and all were included in the draw.



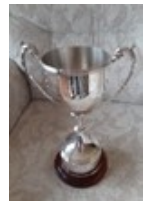
Prior to that in 1996 Edgar and Ella Grierson gave the Club a trophy for a ladies' pairs competition. The first winners of that were Margaret Hodge and Mary Simpson with runners up Margaret Paton and Gladys Jackson. Many of these names will be familiar to some members of the Congregation.

Each week there was a competition for points and the total points accumulated for the season. One was for the Monday games and one for Wednesday. The Wednesday trophy was presented by David and Isobel Kerr, the Kerr Rose Bowl. It was first played for in 2005 and won by David Lynch with the runner up being Betty Taylor.



This is the John Thomson Rose Bowl presented to the Monday points winner. First played for in 1996 there is no record of where the Trophy came from, other than we believe John Thomson was a Church Member, but not connected with the Bowling Club. The first winner of this was Norman Pattie with the runner up being Joey Gordon. Again, names from the past, and possibly remembered by older members of the Congregation.

In 2018, following the passing of Harry Hunt, his wife Jean donated a further trophy in his memory. The Club was delighted to receive this, and it was to be the Champion of Champions Trophy played for by the Ladies Singles winner and the Gent's singles winner each year. The first winner of this was Rita Macey-Lilley.



There has been over 80 members of the Club through the years, many unforgettable characters, dear friends, all creating happy memories. May its past success continue into the future.

Wellwood Grierson

The Guild

"Whose we are and Whom we Serve"

Acts 27 verse 23



As summer comes to an end and we look forward to shorter days, it's time to turn to filling up our Wednesday evenings.

The new session of the Guild starts on 2nd October. Our entertainment for the Opening Social is from the Maybole Concert Party who have been busy putting together a new programme, so I am sure we will be in for a treat.

The theme for the next three years is "Sure Foundation".

The syllabus is full of interesting and varied speakers to keep us entertained throughout the cold winter nights.

For anyone new, we meet in the North Hall of the church at 7.30 pm, so if you would like to give it go, just come along where you will be made most welcome. It is always good to see some new faces.

See you all there. In the meantime, enjoy what is left of the summer months.

Dorothy Jack, Secretary

Bowling Club

The sun shone and it was warm, the usual weather for our outing. We had a great day, and it was enjoyed by everyone, whether they played well or not. Girvan Bowling Club again did us proud with our tea and scone on arrival and a lovely high tea after the game. A few visited the bar; well, it was a warm day!

Lots of photos were taken and the whole group, pictured right, shows their obvious enjoyment.



Here we have Christine Prout being presented with her prize for getting the first toucher of the afternoon, presented by our Club President, George Neil.

This is the winning rink. John McDermott, Andy Cree, Marion Reid, Frances Russell. [Andy was one of our three guests from the Auld Kirk]

Those receiving the booby prize will remain anonymous!



Others enjoying the hospitality:



Easter Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who assisted at our Easter morning breakfast which was held before our Easter Sunday Service. Especially Brenda, Martha, Liz and Marion.

M Graham



Bible Riddles Who am I? Answers:

1(b); 2(d); 3(h); 4(e); 5(i); 6(k); 7(n); 8(c); 9(m); 10(l); 11(f); 12(o); 13(a); 14 (g); 15(j)

Funerals

April

Faye McClymond Briar Grove, Ayr
Ellen Walters Laurel Bank, Ayr
Alec Smith Belmont Place West, Ayr

May

William (Bill) Smith Allenfield Road, Ayr
Helen Woods Treebank Crescent, Ayr

June

Anne Caldwell Claredon Place, Ayr

August

Evelyn McMath Briar Grove, Ayr
D. Grant Kincaidston Drive, Ayr

Baptisms

Sophie McClelland 7th July 2024
Navy Paterson 7th July 2024

Our thanks goes to the following people for donating flowers to the church between May and August:

Alex Smith, Eileen McGilp, Margaret Gerrard, the Choir, Joan Macfie, Brian Christie, Jackie Christie, Margaret Graham, Elza Anderson, Jean Hunt, Allison Smith, Hamish Wilson, Marion Reid, Liz Reid, Liz Hardie and Moira Alexander.

Thanks also to the flower arranging team and delivery team:

Frances Russell, Stella Nixon, Catherine Holland, Allison Smith, Margaret Gerrard, Lyn McDermott, May Harris, Margaret Grierson, Margaret Devlin, Liz Hunter, Moira Alexander and Elizabeth Reid.

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