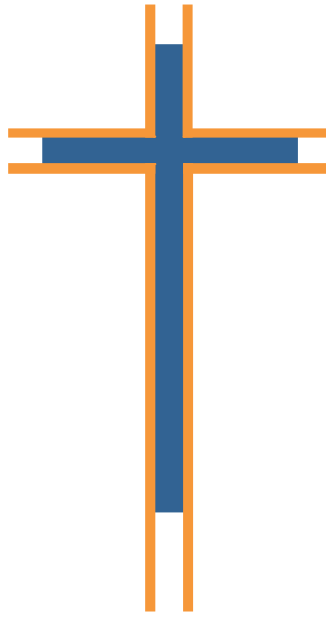


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Mathieson House was donated to the Church of Scotland in 1979 by Miss Elizabeth Mathieson, who wished to realise her vision of providing accommodation for independent ladies within the comfort of a homely setting.

Today, accommodating both men and women, the building remains in the ownership of the Church of Scotland, while Mathieson House operates as an independent charitable company overseen by a board of directors.

For further information please contact the Rev. Shgila Mitchell (Trustee and Director) on 01292 262742

~ Christian Aid ~

As we have no organised street collection this year we have enclosed an envelope in with your magazine. Please hand in filled envelopes to the Church or the Church office by Sunday 1st June (Communion). When they will be dedicated in Church (Please don't forget to fill in the gift aid section if you are able)

Ayrshire Hospice Volunteers

Volunteers have supported the Hospice since 1989, now offering well established voluntary services in many different areas on a regular basis. Volunteers enhance the existing services to patients and families and they make a positive contribution to Hospice life.

Some of the areas in which volunteers support the hospice are:

In patient unit - serving refreshments and meals, Day Hospice: helping trained staff care for Day Hospice patients, offering a range of services, Occupational Therapy: helping with organising crafts and group activities, Driving: volunteer drivers assisting with patient transport, Reception: meeting visitors, patient admissions and managing the telephone systems. Volunteers also assist with hairdressing, sewing and crafts, administration, garden, indoor plants and flower maintenance and Hospice shops. It is usual for volunteers to support the Hospice for approximately 2-4 hours per week although this may vary.

For further information please contact the Hospice voluntary services manager ~ Mrs. Hilary Denholm - 01292 269200

Seniors Afternoons.

We finished off our winter session with an afternoon's entertainment by Jim Colvin and Friends. They are becoming a regular feature and their enjoyment in coming is matched by our pleasure in having them. A rendering of 'The Slosh' by Jim Colvin on the keyboard enticed one or two up on to the floor.

It has been a successful session and while one or two of our friends are no longer with us we have maintained the numbers, around 50 each afternoon. My thanks are due to the ladies of the Coffee Shop who provide the teas and to the drivers who provide transport, because without them a number of our members would not be able to come along.

We will resume again on the second Tuesday in October and look forward to seeing everyone again, and remember, please bring a friend.

Wellwood Grierson



If you know of anyone who would like a tape of our Sunday services. Please contact the office.

Visit to the Youth Church

On Sunday 9th March 2008 we visited the Youth Church on behalf of the Kirk Session, to take to them the best wishes of the Session in the work that is done there with the younger members of our congregation and to see some of this work in action.

We were welcomed warmly by Marlene, Marion and Moira and, of course, by the youngsters themselves, who were busily employed preparing for the following Sunday (Palm Sunday) making palm branches.

The older group were out on the "Traidcraft" Treasure Hunt accompanied by Margaret. The number of children attending the Youth Church varies from Sunday to Sunday but is generally between twenty and thirty.

The Creche team, Frances, Moira and Dawn, are kept more than busy by the wee ones. While we were there they were using Lego to build up the Walls of Jericho and blowing them down with the blast of paper trumpets

The Youth Church deserves the interest and the full support of the Session and the Congregation in its activities. We hope to see it go from strength to strength in the future.

Margaret Cairns and Margaret Devlin.

Castlehill Church Bowling Club
President's Report April 2008

We have had another successful season again with slight increases in membership and attendances. This only emphasizes the fact that it continues to be an enjoyable feature of our Church activities with fun and fellowship being key features.

It is with regret that we have to mention two of our founder members who died during the session. Joey Gordon was a faithful member until ill health prevented her from playing but she still came along to the social events and was able to present the prizes. Hugh Hamilton was our treasurer for two years at the start and helped in setting up the club as we now know it. Also two of our more recent members passed away in March, Jean Wands and Bill Corbett.

They had both added value to the Club and will be sadly missed.

We had another successful outing to Girvan on 25th July 2007, with remarkably good weather. The winning rink comprised of Wellwood Grierson, Jean Patterson and Bill Corbett. Marion Reid on her first game of bowls won the prize for the first 'toucher'. The losing rink paid handsomely to remain anonymous.

A Gents Pairs competition was held this year at the members' request and a salver was presented by Wellwood and Margaret Grierson for the competition. Thanks has to be given to all who helped throughout the season, lifting and laying carpets, providing teas and turning up for the competitions and allowing us to complete them in time.

One of the most pleasing aspects of this session was that new names appeared on the trophies, some fairly new members, which is of great encouragement to anyone joining.

The Prize Winners for the season were as follows:

Thomson Rose Bowl for Monday points League:

Winner: Moira Alexander Runner up :Helen Lynch

Kerr Rose Bowl for Wednesday Points League:

Winner:J.[Pat] Patterson Runner up: David Yates

Ina Walker Trophy for Mixed Pairs:

Winners: J.[Pat]Patterson/ Betty Taylor Runners up: Pearl Neil/Helen Lynch

Edgar Grierson Quaich for Ladies Pairs:

Winners: Pearl Neil/Betty Dunlop Runners up: Jean Hunt/Ella Grierson

Wellwood & Margaret Grierson Salver for Gents Pairs:

Winners: J.[Pat]Patterson/Jim Roy Runners up: Wellwood Grierson/Alex Smith

Bill & Betty Duncan Plate for Ladies Singles

Winner: Sheila McKenzie Runner Up: Elise Hendersson

Gents Singles Trophy:

Winner: Wellwood Grierson Runner Up: David Lynch

The Office Bearers for 2008/2009 are as follows:

President: Wellwood Grierson, Vice President: Jim Roy Treasurer : Helen Lynch

Tea Conveners: Jean Hunt and Joan Macfie

The start date for next session is 22nd Sept. 2008

The Christmas Social and closing date will be 8th Dec 2008
starting up again on 5th January. 2009

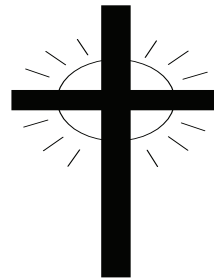
The Annual General Meeting and Prize giving will be on 5th April 2009



Many years ago it was the in thing to keep an autograph album, not for celebrities signatures, but with rhymes and witticisms written and collected and mused over and shared with friend. My Aunt Peggy kept one for her visitors to contribute to, especially the soldiers who were billeted with her during the war, and very interesting reading they made too.

My dad's favourite was "The rain that raineth every day falls on the just and the unjust fellow, but mostly on the just, because the unjust steals his umbrella! ". Although this is basically from the bible, with a little twist at the end, it tells us to love those we don't like as well as those we do. It can be very difficult to do, more so when someone has hurt or offended in some way, but we must remember that God loves us all, and so the rain and the sunshine and blessings are showered on all of us, good and bad alike, and if God can do that, surely we can make the effort or at least try. None of us are perfect, and you never know who we may irritate or upset when we think we are so good and beyond reproach. So praise God for His love and His blessings and be thankful
He has no favourites.

Jesus take me as I am
I can come no other way
Take me deeper into you
Make my flesh melt away
Make me like a precious stone
Crystal clear and finely honed
Life of Jesus shining through,
Giving glory back to You.



Margaret MacCormick, Prayer Promoter

The World

As Christians we know that God wants us to look after His Creation, our world. Most of us are aware by now that over-indulgence in air travel and unnecessary use of our cars are aggravating climate change and endangering the future for our children and grand children and inhabitants of poorer countries. But how many of us are aware of the even greater damage caused by office workers and private residences leaving their computers and other I.T. equipment on when not in use? Enormous levels of carbon dioxide are emitted into the atmosphere. 1 billion tonnes of CO₂ a year - between 2% and 4% of global emissions - more than aviation and military combined.

A substantial waste of energy.

Christians should either buy software that automatically turns off computers after work, or make a point of switching off when not in use.

If everyone did that it could lead to a reduction in carbon emission equivalent to taking 2 million cars off U.K. roads

Prayerfully we will all take our part.



Meditation

Psalm 121 ~ Creator and Companion

We cannot think of Nepal - or Scotland - without thought of mountains. Many Psalms use mountain imagery. This Psalm emphasises the care and protection of God and encourages his people to trust him with everything. Pray that God will speak to you through it. Read the words through a few times to let them grip your heart and mind.

Verses 1-2

What do you think or feel when you look at mountains? Are you overwhelmed by their beauty? Awed by their size? Fearful of their power to bring harm? The first singers of the song, pilgrims heading for Jerusalem to worship, may have had a mix of fear (the hills hide bandits) and hope (as they looked to Mount Zion, their destination). What a real statement of God's power, whatever the image the mountains conjured!

What does it mean to you that the one who made the mountains is the one who helps us?

Verses 3-4

We never know what might trip us up during any day or any week. Are you able to be as confident as the Psalmist that God will take care of you that his attention never wavers because he doesn't grow sleepy?

Pray that you'll know his care personally today.

Verses 5-6

We are being protected! Neither the things we know about (the day) nor those things that take us by surprise (the night), will harm us.

We have a companion on life's journey: God himself!

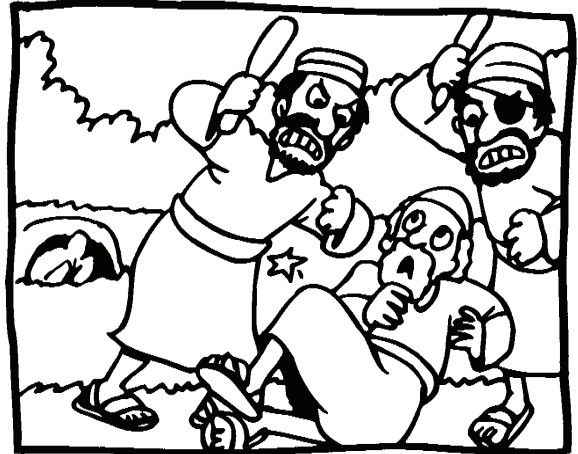
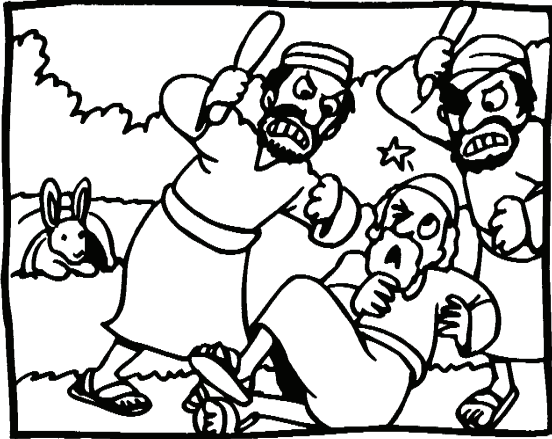
Verses 7-8

How conscious are you of God's care for you personally? In the busyness of your life do you recognise God's eternal 'watch'? Can you rejoice today in the creator being your companion?

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Can you spot the difference in each pair of pictures



A Jewish man was travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes and money, then left him half dead beside the road.

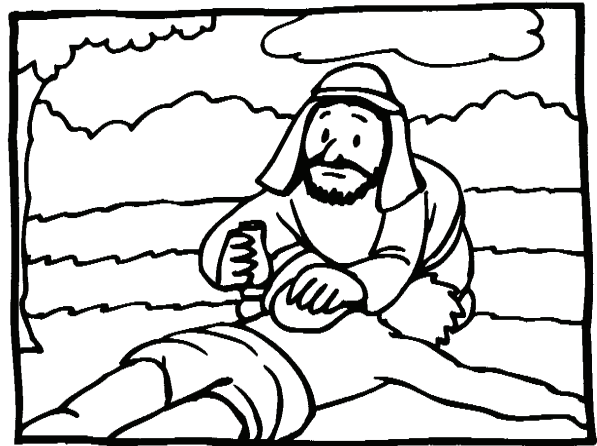
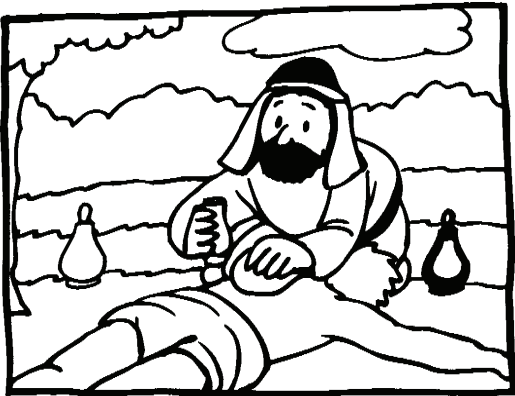


A Jewish priest came along, but when he saw the man lying there he crossed the road and passed him by.



A temple assistant walked over and saw him lying there, but he, too, crossed to the other side.

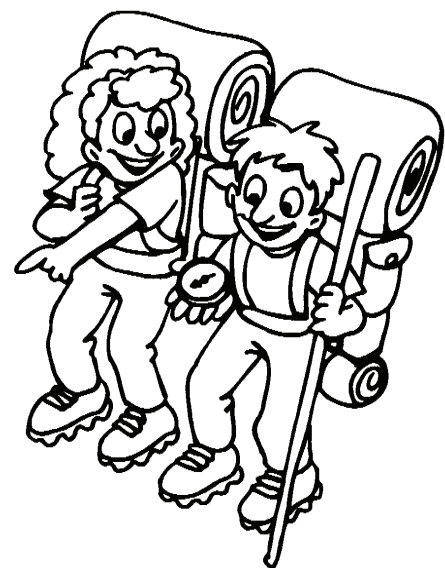
Then a Samaritan came along. He was despised by the Jews. When he saw the man he was moved with pity. He knelt beside the man, soothed his wounds with medicine and bandaged them.



He put the man on his donkey and took him to an inn where he took care of him. The next day he gave the innkeeper two pieces of silver to take care of the man. "If his bill is higher than that," he said, "I will pay the difference next time I am here."



Why don't you colour in the pictures as well!



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Visit to B Company Guides.

On Tuesday 19th February, 2008 Marion Reid and I visited the B Company guides in the North Hall.

We were welcomed by their leader Janette Rankin.

There are 19 guides in the Company and 14 were present that night.

There are 2 adult helpers and 1 guide helper.

Two of the youngest guides were in the kitchen baking a cake.

One patrol were practicing exercises for their agility badge.

The others were using their arts and crafts materials.

Later they were all given a flag to colour in. The flags were from different countries and I was very impressed that most of them knew the different colours for the different countries.

They were preparing for Thinking Day on 22nd February, 2008 and were planning to attend church parade on Sunday 24th February, 2008.

Towards the end of the evening the guides were given smoothies and pieces of fruit to taste and the idea is that they will have these instead of sweets and crisps from the tuck shop so they are learning about healthy eating.

The guides all appeared to be enjoying the evening and do not have any complaints about our halls

Margaret Morgan & Marion Reid

Coffee Shop

On Tuesday 15th April Lyn and I visited the Coffee Shop and were made most welcome by the ladies. We enjoyed the delicious home baking, a chat and cup of coffee.

Although it is now closed it will start again in September and will be open every Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Please come along if you can. We both recommend a visit.

Pat Colquhoun & Lyn McDermott

VISIT TO B. B. COMPANY SECTION

We visited the Senior Section BB on 18th January of this year. We were made welcome by Ian Queen, BB Captain. Marion Reid explained that the Junior boys were practising for a Marching Competition in Girvan North Parish Church the following week and Mike McClelland was teaching some of the boys drumming.



Company Section were also being put through their paces for a Marching Competition in Troon. All the boys seemed to be enjoying themselves in their various activities, especially when the tuck shop was opened.

There are currently 25 Juniors, 9 Anchor Boys and 21 Company Section.

Because of the increasing numbers, Mr Queen would be grateful to hear from anyone wishing to help. He can be contacted on 286617.

We left giving the good wishes of the Session.

David Lynch and Jim McClurkin

Visit to Junior Boys Brigade

Robert Forrester and I visited, on behalf of The Kirk Session, the Junior Section of the Boys Brigade on Friday 22nd February 2008. There were 18 boys there that night supervised by Mr. Cant, Mrs. Reid and Mr Courtney. Mrs. Hardie was also there assisting with the preparation and rehearsal for the Mime and Drama competition which was to take place on March 26th. While Mrs Hardie rehearsed the Mime and Drama, some of the boys were copying a back drop on to paper from an acetate slide for the drama and colouring it in.

Others were doing a quiz using the first letters of their names.

While we were there we were informed the boys had been very successful so far in several competitions. 2nd in the Bible Quiz, 2nd in the Safety Quiz, 2nd in the Swimming, 3rd in the Marching, and 2nd in the Physical Education Competition.

For the last 10 minutes of the evening the Boys took part in some PE, As always there is a great need for helpers and if anyone feels able to help in anyway they can do so by contacting Mr Cant.

Elizabeth Graham & Robert Forrester

Thank you

David and Helen Lynch would like to say thank you to everyone who sent cards and called during David's recent illness.

It was very much appreciated

Girl Guiding



Girl Guiding have completed another busy year

The Rainbows have been busy growing sunflowers as part of their 21st birthday celebrations and they had a fundraising night to present the flowers, along with a donation.

They have also been working on their "Get Healthy" Badge.

The Brownies again took part in the shoebox appeal, they have been ice skating, doing mini marathons for Children with Leukemia and also all packs have had the opportunity of going to Pack Holiday, which is the highlight of the brownie year. In this connection, I would like to congratulate Yvonne Blair of Tuesday night Brownies in obtaining her Pack Holiday Licence.

The Monday night Guides have been busy, again doing the shoebox appeal, they sent small gifts and sweets to street children in South America and India, and they went to the outdoor ice rink and continental market in Edinburgh at Christmas. Tuesday night Guides had a successful bag pack the Saturday before Christmas, which was divided up between funds and charities. The unit used some of the funds to sponsor a child in a disadvantaged country. Both Guide units also got the opportunity to go camping.

I would like to thank all the Guiders for the time and effort they put into working with the girls and also the support which they give to myself as District Commissioner. In particular, I would like to thank Marion Turnbull for agreeing to take over the Rainbows and also to Ellen Thomson and Rachel Richmond who agreed to come forward after our appeal. It has enabled the unit to carry on at full strength.

All units will start up again in September and if anyone would like any information about Girl Guiding, please contact myself on 265873



Linda McClurkin (District Commissioner)

Rainbows visit

When we arrived at Rainbows they were in a circle and two chairs were waiting for us. The Rainbows had their news time and then we had a story about Noah.

The activity planned for this evening was an animal mobile. The children quietly went over to the tables set up for the activity and quickly got organised to make their mobiles. It was great to see everyone sharing and taking turns. At the end everyone had produced a lovely animal mobile to hang up in their room.

We then went back into a circle for an animal memory game. The children enjoyed this very much and helped each other through the task. Soon it was home time and their parents came to pick them up. We then had a chat with Marion Turnbull and she informed us that they had a full company and a waiting list. Marion also told us that she had received a grant from her employer, which was a great help, to buy equipment, paper and craft materials. We asked Marion if there was anything we could do to help and the only thing she could think of was to have more help. The helpers she has just now are great, but it would be even better to have more help. So our appeal is for anyone who could give an hour once a week or every second week, please contact Marion (285631) or the office. We sent our good wishes and hoped Marion and her team would continue to carry on with the Rainbows and enjoy the work that they do as we certainly enjoyed our evening.

Castlehill Youth Church

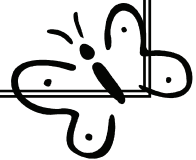
The Youth Church would like to thank Dot, Margaret and all the line dancers for their kind donations to our organisation. They have supported us over the years and we look forward to their support in the future.

We have had an eventful year with David Houston and Amy Turnbull winning prizes for The Fair Trade Treasure Hunt in March. The B.C.'s were presented with a certificate for collecting stamps for a Leprosy Charity.

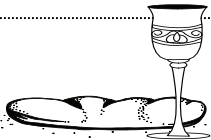
The Busy Bees celebrated Easter by making baskets which were filled with Easter Eggs. The All Stars (Primary 1-3) have been concentrating on some of the well known Bible Stories. The older All Stars have been concentrating on the book of Jeremiah, entertaining us with their drama of 'A Scroll of Barunch'.

We are all looking forward to our summer trip to The Heads of Ayr Farm Park in June.

Marlene Forbes
Youth Church Leader



Could anyone wishing
Home Communion please
contact their Elder or the office.



Traidcraft

*There will be a
Traidcraft Stall in the
Fellowship Area on
Sunday 1st and
Sunday 8th June.*

*Please support this worthy
cause which supports fair
wages in the third world
countries.*

HEAVEN FORBID!

Most of us have now learned to live with voice mail as a necessary part of our lives. Have you ever wondered what it would be like if God decided to install voice mail when receiving our prayers? It could sound something like this:

“Thank you for calling Heaven.
For English press 1
For Spanish press 2
For all other languages press 3.

Please select one of the following options:
Press 1 for a request
Press 2 for thanksgiving
Press 3 for complaints
For anything else press 4

I am sorry, all our Angels and Saints are busy right now. However, your prayer is important to us and we will answer it as soon as possible.”

Rainbow News

In response to our plea in a previous Herald Castlehill Rainbows recruited two new unit helpers from within our congregation. Ellen Thomson and Rachel Richmond (daughter of Joyce) have now almost completed their first year at Rainbows and have been a great asset to the unit with their enthusiasm.

This is a special year as Rainbows celebrate their 21st Birthday and as part of the celebrations every unit across the country were asked to grow sunflowers and donate them to a local cause. The girls sunflowers are coming along nicely and we are planning to visit Clic Sargent House in Prestwick the second week in May to hand them over to be planted in their garden. The unit also had a fundraising activity night and we will be taking our cheque to present to them on that evening.

The unit have been fortunate to have received community donations from the Royal Bank of Scotland (my employer) for my voluntary work with the unit and from Castlehill Line Dancers which we greatly appreciate. The girls were able to enjoy a fun Christmas evening at Monkton lodge and we are having a Big Birthday Bash the first week in May using some of the funds we received. We have also bought the girls some 21st Birthday gifts as a momentum of this special year which they will receive at the party.

We have in conjunction with this been working on our Roundabout get Healthy badges which entails working on challenges within our programme to achieve a badge which will be presented to the girls at our end of year Summer Barbecue on 27th May.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda McClurkin, District Commissioner, and all my unit and parent helpers for their support during my first year running the unit.

Anyone wishing to join Rainbows can contact me to add their name to the waiting list. I would recommend putting your child on the waiting list a couple of years before they turn five to increase their chance of gaining a place.

Marion Turnbull
Guider

Telephone 01292 285631



If anyone is interested in taking on the Editorship of the magazine , could they please contact the office.



The Autumn 2008 Newsletter will be issued in mid August
If anyone has any articles, they should be handed into the office by Mid July

PASTORAL CARE ~ HOSPITAL VISITING

A team of hospital visitors are available to visit members of the congregation who are admitted to hospital. Ensuring that someone who needs a visit gets one, depends on the team being informed as soon as possible after the person has been admitted to hospital.

It would be appreciated if a family member or a close friend would contact a team member to let them know a visit is required.

Contact Nos. of team are as follows :

Church Office	Sandra Wyllie	267332
Biggart Hospital	Margaret MacCormick	263949
	Margaret Grierson	285903
Ailsa Hospital	Andrew Graham	261486
Ayr Hospital	Pat Colquhoun	267749

All information will be strictly confidential.



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It is also available to be sent by email. Anyone wishing the magazine to be sent to themselves or indeed friends and family, please let the office know.

Never Borrow Sorrow From Tomorrow

Deal only with the present,
Never step into tomorrow,
For God asks us just to trust Him
And to never borrow sorrow -
For the future is not ours to know
And it may never be.
So let us live and give our best
And give it lavishly -
For to meet tomorrow's troubles
Before they are even ours
Is to anticipate the Saviour
And to doubt his all-wise powers -
So let us be content to solve
Our problems one by one,
Asking nothing of tomorrow
Except "Thy will be done."

By Helen Steiner Rice

Wedding

1st March 2008

Claire Forrester & Gary Wemyss

Funerals

March

Doris Muir
Glenfairn Nursing Home
Bill Corbett
34 Forehill Road
Jean Wands
6 Belmont Place East
James Duncan
6 Larchwood Road
James Caldwell
3 Clarendon Place

April

Alex McConnell
68 Glendale Crescent
Elizabeth Rodger
Orchard House
Eddie Leggat
67 Peggieshill Road

We warmly welcome
Tom & Sandra Chalmers
Who have recently joined us
from St. Columbas' church in Ayr



Heavenly Father,

*Extend Your Mercy and grace
to the youngest, most vulnerable
children of our world.*

*Their deliverance from suffering
and hope for their future rests with
You. With faith in Your infinite
powers, I offer this prayer on
behalf of all the world's children,
wherever they are.*

Amen

Baptisms

Hannah Mitchell
Daughter of Claire & Scott Mitchell

Abbie Claire Dunlop Hynds
Daughter of Michelle & Christopher Hynds

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday

Youth Church

Bell Ringers

Morning Service

Creche

Bowling Club

Monday

Tiny Tots

Highland
Dancing

Brownies

Guides

Tuesday

Guides

Coffee
Shop

Line Dancing

Rainbows

Brownies

Anchor Boys

Child Minders
Group

Wednesday

Music Makers

Line Dancing

Guild

Bowling Club

Thursday

Seniors
Keep Fit

Weightwatchers

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Board & Session

Friday

Enjoy-a-ball

Boys
Brigade

Hazelbank

Mothers & Toddlers

Saturday

Weightwatchers

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times of the various
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