

#### SUNDAY SERVICE AUCHINCRUIVE OR DALMILLING

#### AT 10:30 A.M.

**ON ALTERNATE SUNDAYS (SEE PAGE 26 FOR DETAILS)** 

INTERIM MODERATOR Rev Ken Yorke SESSION CLERK

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SESSION CLERK VACANT



With the delivery of this magazine you should also have received a letter regarding stewardship. This is something the Church of Scotland say we must do every three years.

You will realize how your own costs rise annually and the church is no different. If our church is going to continue its witness and activity in our parish we require our membership to support it financially.

Our church has also changed its constitution to a Unitary Constitution. The main difference this will bring is that we can now dispense with the Congregational Board and our Kirk Session will be responsible for all matters spiritual and temporal.

The Kirk Session now have powers to co-opt anyone from the congregation or outside it to assist them with particular tasks, provided the person selected is willing to do so.

The Kirk Session has been divided into four committees who will be given powers to act up to certain limits set by the Kirk Session. These are Stewardship & Finance, Fabric, Mission & Outreach, Fund Raising & Events and Administration. This should speed up decision making and make the Kirk Session more efficient.

The buildings at Dalmilling are now being used much more by community groups and it is good to see the church being seen again as at the centre of the community. There is a buzz about the place again. This gives us the opportunity to tell the good news of Jesus to those who come in and out our buildings and there are many ways in which we can do this. To help with this task our Fabric Committee under the able leadership of Gwyn Williams is doing sterling work. The Dalmilling buildings have been neglected over the years and we are now starting a process of refurbishment.

This has been a busy year in the church. Much has happened. Unfortunately there is no sign of interest from ministers who might apply to lead you. You are not alone! More than 200 churches are in the same position. We must continue to work for the Lord during this time of vacancy. We need all members who are reasonably fit and able to



play an active part in this process. If you have not been doing this I implore you to think again and help us with our tasks.

When you are busy time seems to fly and this year has seen that happen from my point of view.

Christmas is just around the corner with all the clutter the modern Christmas Season brings.

In the Church let us not forget the wonder of what is at the heart of Christmas, the wonder of God coming down to earth to reveal himself to us and to save us from ourselves. I hope that those who are fit will make attendance at our Christmas services and events a priority.

I pray that you and yours will have a happy and peaceful Christmas and that you will celebrate your faith within the family we call the church.

Rev Ken

O Little Town of Bethlehem How still we see thee lie....



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

#### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

This year special focus is being given to mark the centenary of the ending of the First World War, 1918–2018.

Once again we were joined by members of RAFA, our Bugler and representatives of 1st Dalmilling Brownies. When it came time to lay wreaths the Brownies also laid one which they had made themselves.

During the

service Ken dedicated the new flag belonging to the Brownies and asked the girls to reaffirm the Brownie promise.

We also watched a short video (https://spoken-truth.com/ john1135) on Remembrance with a recurring emphasis of the words John 11:35. After morning worship and a short service at Whitletts War

Memorial the congregation returned to the hall for a Soup and Sandwich lunch.

We were also joined today by members of various groups who use the church halls. It was good to come together in fellowship this way.

**Elizabeth Brechany** 









#### Services at Claremont Care Home

Rev Ken has arranged for monthly services to take place in Claremont Care Home on the first Monday of every month at 2pm starting in December.

He is hoping to form a team of helpers who will assist with handing out hymn books and sometimes participating in or conducting services from time to time.

If you think you could help please contact him on 07762835269

#### Informal Discussions 10:30 –11:30am

These are taking place in Dalmilling Church on Thursday mornings when the Community Cafe is open. This series is based on the first two chapters of Paul's letter to the Philippians. Questions being discussed are Why Church? Why pray? Why Jesus? Why humility? Why light?

It is hoped that members and friends will come along and either enter into discussion or simply listen to other's contributions. Tea and coffee will be available after the discussions.

Rev Ken

#### **FRIENDSHIP GROUP**



Well Ladies aren't we doing well. We have had a very good session with great attendance. At the moment I don't know when we will finish and restart. We enjoy meeting and nattering over a cuppa and a biscuit so I hope to see you all again in January.

In the meantime I wish you all a very Merry Xmas and a good and prosperous New Year, 2019.

God Bless You All,

Lena Hollywood



#### **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



Thursday 6th December

10:30-11:30am Discussion in Dalmilling Church on Why humility?

Sunday 9th December - 2nd in Advent 10:30am Morning worship at Dalmilling

*Thursday 13th December* 10:30—11:30am Discussion in Dalmilling Church on Why light? *Friday 14th December "Candlelit Concert"* 

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7pm in Auchincruive Church





Joy to the World

#### **BOWLING GROUP**



Well Bowlers, here I'm writing this for Christmas. I must say it's been a good session. We are a small group but a happy one. At the moment I do not know when we'll start again but will let you know after we discuss this.

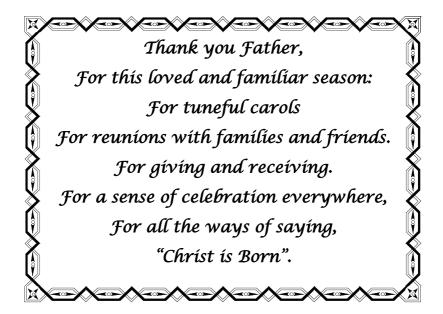
I thank my bowlers for being so faithful and helpful to me. Thanks especially to Ian and David who arrange for heating and helping to set out the mats.

I hope and wish you all a Very Merry Xmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Bless you all,

Lena Hollywood





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#### **EVENTS & FUNDRAISING**

#### **Christmas Candlelit Concert**

Compere Tom Raffel will once again host this concert in Auchincruive Church on Friday 14th December at 7pm. We will be entertained by Bobby Irvine and the Salvation Army Brass Band; Stewart McKinley— Raconteur; Isobel Miller—Soloist and Robert Dibden piano / accompanist.

This event will be Admission Free but there will be a retiring offering for Church Funds.



#### Film Night—31st Jan 2019 in Ayr Town Hall

The Messenger is a 2015 documentary film written and directed by Su Rynard, focusing on the protection of multiple types of songbirds throughout the world. Tickets for this production will be available in late November.

#### **Proposed events for 2019**

Victorian Afternoon Tea within the settings of Auchincruive church. It is proposed that this be held when the crocuses are in full bloom next Spring.

A Scottish evening at Dalmilling with our own talented 'in-house' entertainers is also proposed. This has been a successful and popular event in the past.

Details of these and other events will be advertised in the new year.

Margaret McConnell, Events and Fundraising Committee Convener



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

### Auchincruive Church

Friday 14th December 2018 at 7:00pm

Compere Tom Raffel presents Bobby Irvine

The Salvation Army Band

Isobel Miller–Soloist

Stewart McKinley–Raconteur

Robert Dibden–Piano

Admission Free Retiring Collection for Church Funds

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#### **EVENTS & FUNDRAISING**

AYR FILM SOCIETY



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PLEASE SUPPLY \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS AT £5 EACH FOR THE RSPB FILM SCREENING ON THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY 2019.

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PLEASE RETURN FORM TO MARGARET McCONNELL OR CALL 01292 442294 and/or mobile 07730 608 767

#### FUNERARY HATCHMENT

During the period of roof repair work and subsequent refurbishment at Auchincruive, two large (more than 5ft in height) canvasses were very much in our way. They were regarded as very old and "something" to do with the Oswald Family.

These have now been identified as Funerary Hatchments.

A Funerary Hatchment is a depiction within a black lozenge-shaped frame, generally on a black background, of a deceased's heraldic achievement showing the family arms and crest together with indications of the supporters of the person and family.

The word Hatchment is a corrupted version of the word 'achievement'.

Hatchments were usually placed over the entrance of a deceased nobleman's residence and displayed for a period between 40 days and a year, after which they were removed to the local church. The practice developed in the early seventeenth century from the custom of carrying an heraldic shield before the coffin of the deceased.

The items on the shields correspond with images on the Oswald and Haldane families. Two of the "occupants" of our crypt and likely candidates for these Hatchments, are Richard Oswald (1705-1784) known as the Peacemaker after his work in writing the peace treaty which eventually ended the American War of Independence and Alexander Haldane Oswald (1811-1868), MP for Ayrshire 1843-1852.



Gwyn Williams

#### **FABRIC MATTERS**

#### Dalmilling Church Roof Repairs.

The work on the main Church roof including its attached four areas of flat-roofing is now complete. This included replacement of all broken or missing tiles, stripping off and re-doing all the flat roof areas and replacing rainwater gutters, hoppers and downpipes.

We are grateful to Glenbuild Roofers for their advice and efficiency in completing the task.

We are also grateful to the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland for their grant of  $\pm 10,000 - a$  significant help with the bill of  $\pm 21,960!$ 

We should, hopefully, not find ourselves with any roof leaks this Winter.

Gwyn Williams

#### AYR: ST QUIVOX HALL-CHURCH AT DALMILLING

#### Serving the Community for 65 years and still open

The Foundation Stone was laid in 1952 and the church opened in 1953 to serve the newly built community of Dalmilling. A busy church at the heart of the community it was filled to overflowing with younger children attending Sunday School in the morning and older children in the afternoon. This was remedied in 1975 when the Hall extension opened.

Sadly over the years, like many churches, our membership has dwindled with no young people joining. This led to the loss of many of our youth organisations.

Now however with the Tots Group, Brownies & Rainbows and a Dance Group the halls are once again filled with children.

As you will see from reports in the magazine there are also the Bowlers, Friendship Group and Sewing Corner using the halls. Other groups include War Games, Wild Rhythm Group and U-NIQ café.

Elizabeth Brechany

#### WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?



Last month found me cycling, one rainy morning, in the rush hour in Perth. I was in a hurry and, trying to be clever, was undertaking a queue of cars waiting at the traffic lights. I misjudged my path through a puddle, hit the pavement edge, and landed; sprawled across my bike, face down on the concrete!

In the split second between realising what had just happened and wondering if I was going to be able to get up again, I saw three things. The first was that all the car drivers drove off. The second was a teenage lass at the nearby bus stop who looked up from her phone, glanced at me and immediately looked back down at her phone; and the third was an Asian man in his 20s, behind her in the bus queue, who started towards me, looking anxiously to see if I was ok or needed help.

It made me think, as in the parable, how important it is, and how much it matters, to be the kind of person who, without being asked, will come forward immediately to help someone in trouble, regardless of differences, and even if it might be an inconvenience, just because it is the right thing to do.

(I was OK. Just a bruised knee, an acute case of embarrassment and a valuable lesson in safe cycling learned!)

**Eileen Williams** 



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#### THE SEWING CORNER

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We had a break during September and started back mid October. There are two classes on Thursdays; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. One or two gentlemen from the community have come to join the ladies and all are most welcome. By learning how to make clothing such as skirts, dresses or simple jackets, we learn how to look objectively at clothes in the shops and see if they are well made and worth the price, and also if they fit well enough to be bought! We also have a good chat, lots of laughs and talk about everything under the sun.

We've had some very good news in that we've been awarded £1000 in the TESCO Bags of Help scheme. Our very grateful thanks goes to everyone who supported us by putting the blue tokens in the Sewing Corner box!

I'm in discussion with one of the Community Workers, Paul Ageo, about setting up a class for local lades to make Canny Cookers (a kind of well padded fabric container which can keep food hot without using energy, so keeping costs down) and I'm waiting to hear back from Seascape about the possibility of having some of the Syrian refugee ladies from Monkton over to do some sewing.

Thank you once again for all your support.









by Dalmilling Brownies Brown Owl Lise Whittle

You may have heard in the national and local press that Girlguiding have introduced a brand new programme. This is going to be a very exciting time for everyone. We Leaders have already seen the new programmes and the completely new range of badges, it is all refreshingly improved and gives us the opportunity to offer girls exciting new opportunities. There is still a change-over period of a year when the old programme can be used, and the old style badges are still absolutely valid to be worn - and will eventually become very special prized heirlooms! We Leaders are getting to grips with the new programme, we have already attended a local County training day and taken part in several online training sessions and webinars.

There are 6 new Themes within the new programme across all the sections of Girlguiding (ie Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers);

- Know Myself *explore who you are*
- Express Myself show off and share your creativity
  - Be Well *know what it is to be healthy*
  - Have Adventures explore outdoors and nature
- Proviss 3.8%
- Take Action Help yourself and others
- Skills For My Future learn useful skills for life

Within each theme there are lots of exciting badges. In the Brownies section, the girls can work towards badges such as; Collecting; My Rights; Local History; Performing; Painting; Baking; Dancing; Grow Your Own; Mindfulness; Archaeology; Aviation; Space;



Charities; Speaking Out; Zero Waste; Inventing; Jobs; Languages. At Dalmilling Brownies we have already started our first new badge,



which is the 'Know Myself, Be Well' theme badge. We'll let you know how we get on!

Here is a message from Girlguiding;

At Girlguiding we're committed to helping girls and young women learn new skills, grow in confidence, make lifelong friends and have fun. And we're thrilled to share the news about our new programme of activities, badges and awards.

With the help of almost 45,000 girls we developed and tested new activities, to make sure that girls' experiences will be even better than they are now. Our modernised programme will give every girl the opportunity to thrive, succeed, make change and be happy in the modern world.

You might have already spotted information about the new badges in the press, including a new digital design badge, a money saver badge and an aviation badge. As well as working towards lots of new badges, girls will continue to enjoy getting outside and having exciting adventures!

*Please do look out for more information on our website and in the press.* 

Brownies meet in Dalmilling on a Monday night.



**South Ayrshire Life** is a new website packed with up-to-date information on what's happening in communities throughout the area.

New friends, new things to do and a helping hand when you need it are just a click away on the **South Ayrshire Life** website.

Whether it's toddler groups, walking football, knit and natter, sport, money advice or lunch clubs, there's something for everyone on **South Ayrshire Life**.

You don't have to be on the internet to get the most from **South Ayrshire Life** as there is a free telephone number to call and find out about activities and help services near you.

**South Ayrshire Life** also has a community information centre at 57 Newmarket Street, Ayr, which is home to a whole range of regular drop-in sessions.

The door is open for help and advice on a host of issues, with no need for an appointment.

#### MONDAY

2pm to 4.15pm **QUIT YOUR WAY** (Fortnightly) Advice and support for anyone trying to stop smoking

10am to 12noon **CHEST, HEART AND STROKE SCOTLAND** (First Monday of month) - Advice on living with long-term chest, heart or stroke conditions

12noon to 2pm **NHS COMMUNITY HEALTH ADDICTION NURSES** (First Monday of month) - Providing advice/support on substance misuse/addiction related issues/Hepatitis/HIV advice and screening

10am - 12noon **ACTION ON HEARING LOSS** (Fourth Monday of month) - Support for people who are deaf, have hearing loss, or care for someone with hearing loss. Offer advice with benefit queries and income worries.

#### TUESDAY

10am to 12noon **TRADING STANDARDS** (First Tuesday of month) - Beat the fraudsters and help protect those you care about

10am to 12noon **AYR ACTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH** (Second Tuesday of month) - Support for anyone experiencing poor mental health



10am to 12noon **LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC** (Last Tuesday of month) Free legal advice on Power of Attorney and Will writing.

#### WEDNESDAY

10am to 12noon **VASA VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES** (Every week) - Interested in volunteering? Find out what's available

12noon to 4pm **SOCIAL WORK** (Every week) - Advice on a wide range of care, social and welfare issues

12.30pm to 4.30pm **HOME ENERGY SCOTLAND** (Fortnightly) - Free, impartial advice on energy saving and much more

1pm to 3pm **AYRSHIRE INDEPENDENT LIVING NETWORK** (Last Wednesday of month) - Free information and advice on self-directed support.

#### **THURSDAY**

1pm to 3pm **DEMENTIA SUPPORT ASSOCIATION** (First Thursday of month) - Here to provide information and support when you need it

2pm to 3pm **SENSORY IMPAIRMENT SUPPORT GROUP** (Second Thursday of month) - Help hub for older people with hearing/sight loss

1pm to 3pm **NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY** (Third Thursday of month) - Information and support from the One Stop Shop

1pm to 3pm **CIRCLES ADVOCACY** (Fourth Thursday of month) – Advocating for vulnerable people in South Ayrshire who are unable to safeguard their own well-being, rights, care or other interests

#### **FRIDAY**

9.30am to 1pm **SEASCAPE** (Every week) - Helping people in housing need

12.30pm to 2.30pm **RecoveryAyr** (Every week) - Support for people in recovery from substance misuse

To find out more, please visit <u>www.southayrshirelife.org</u>, call the team on Freephone 0800 432 0510 or drop in to South Ayrshire Life in Newmarket Street.

#### Chrístmas Present



The rain is blattering, splattering down and I have decided to go to the town to buy all my presents, to spread all that joy with a bottle of smellies or new fangled toy.

I'm wet, I'm sodden, I'm drenched to the skin, my wellies are leaking and chaffing my shin, there's a drip at my nose and I blow it away as a car passes by and soaks me with spray.

I can't help but think as I trek round and round this season, the reason for spending my pound, has lost all the magic and wonder for me as I spot rainbow unicorns hung on a tree.

A commercial explosion has taken its place and smothered the Christmas of Goodness and Grace. I'm going back home to consider my stance on this secular Christmas that's geared to finance.

Greta Yorke

November 2018



# God's Gift to US



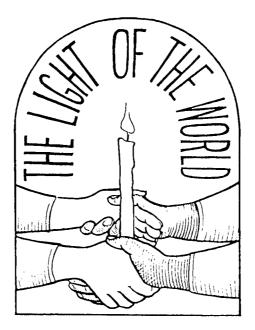
# Christmas Wordsearch

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BABY	GIFTS	JOURNEY	SON
CAMELS	GOD	KINGS	STABLE
CELEBRATION	GOLD	LOVE	STAR
CHRISTMAS	GOODWILL	MANGER	TREE
CRACKERS	HEROD	MARY	TURKEY
DECEMBER	HILLSIDE	MYRRH	
DESERT	INN	NAZARETH	
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#### **CHURCH FLOWERS APPEAL**



Many thanks to everyone who contributes to the flowers which decorate the sanctuaries, in both churches, every week. After the service the flowers are taken to people in our congregation who are ill, in hospital, or bereaved. They can also be given to celebrate a special occasion such as birthdays, or anniversaries.

There are still a few spaces in the current lists. So if you would like to commemorate a birthday, anniversary or any other occasion, please add your name to the lists in either church.

For further information, contact one of the Flower Conveners:

Molly (Auchincruive)

Tel: 01292 520267

Pat/Rosemary (Dalmilling)

Tel: 01292 283503/520258

DATE	NAME	CHURCH		
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	L Fulton	Auchincruive Church		
9 <sup>th</sup> December		Dalmilling Church		
16 <sup>th</sup> December	R Alexander	Auchincruive Church		
23 <sup>rd</sup> December		Dalmilling Church		
30 <sup>th</sup> December	C Mutch	Auchincruive Church		
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7 <sup>th</sup> January		Dalmilling Church		
14 <sup>th</sup> January	P Johnston	Auchincruive Church		
21 <sup>st</sup> January	D Boyd	Dalmilling Church		
28 <sup>th</sup> January		Auchincruive Church		
4 <sup>th</sup> February		Dalmilling Church		
11 <sup>th</sup> February	V Mutch	Auchincruive Church		
18 <sup>th</sup> February	A Boyd	Dalmilling Church		
25 <sup>th</sup> February	R Alexander	Auchincruive Church		



#### **PARISH REGISTER**

#### FUNERALS

12/09/18 Jane Downs

2/10/18 Hugh McEwan

4/10/18 Irene McPherson

30/10/18 James Craig

Claremont Care Home

Carrick Drive, Crosshill

Queens Care Home, Prestwick

Whitletts Court, Ayr



Hymn: 268 in CH4 O God of Bethel ! By whose hand O spread thy covering wings around, till all our wanderings cease, and at our Father's loved abode our souls arrive in peace.

#### SERVICES FROM DEC 2018 TO JUNE 2019

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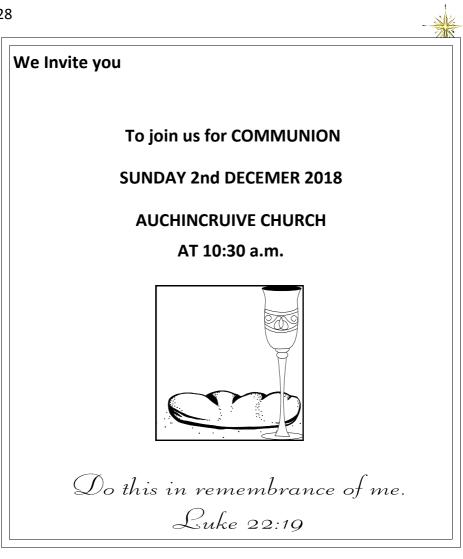
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FEBRUARY	3rd Dal	10th Auch	17th Dal	24th Auch	
MARCH	3rd Dal	10th Auch	17th Dal	24th Auch	31st Dal
APRIL	7th Auch	14th Dal	21st Auch	28th Dal	
ΜΑΥ	5th Auch	12th Dal	19th Auch	26th Dal	
JUNE	2nd Auch	9th Dal	16th Auch	23rd Dal	

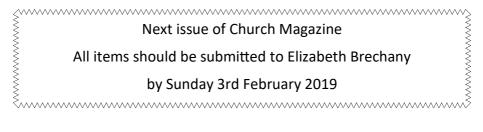




#### **CHURCH CONTACTS**

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Order of Service & Intimations Secretary	Vickie Mutch	263678
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Roll Keeper & Elders Districts	Anne Boyd	288947
Session Clerk	Vacant	
Family/ Community Worker	To be appointed	
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	Anne Houston	521763
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Dalmilling Sunday Church Officer	Allan Leydon	262293
Dalmilling premises co-ordinator	Allan Leydon	262293
Auchincruive Communion	Katharine & John Black.	478242
Dalmilling Communion	Allan Leydon Elizabeth Brechany	262293 268363
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Data Protection Officer	To be elected.	
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Magazine editor	Elizabeth Brechany	268363
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Flowers Dalmilling	Rosemary Alexander	





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