ST. QUIVOX PARISH CHURCH





SUNDAY SERVICE AUCHINCRUIVE OR DALMILLING AT 10:30 A.M.

ON ALTERNATE SUNDAYS (SEE PAGE 22 FOR DETAILS)

INTERIM MODERATOR

Rev Ken Yorke Tel: 07762 835 269

SESSION CLERK

David McMahon Tel: 01292 315529

A NOTE FROM REV KEN



My dear friends,

It is with mixed feelings that I write to you as your interim moderator for the last time.

I will miss the company of those who are regular worshippers and workers in the congregation with whom I have established a warm relationship in the last four and a half years.

On the other hand I am so pleased that after a long wait you are now going to have a full time minister in place.

In the current climate in the church of a shortage of ministers of word and sacrament and the difficulties in raising sufficient money to pay those we have you are extremely fortunate to be in the position you are now in.

I hope you will support your new minister and give him all the encouragement and support that you can.

The past four and a half years have not been easy but together we have managed to keep the declining congregation viable and faithful. However I believe that it is not entirely through our efforts that this has been so but by constant prayer and the opening of our hearts and minds to God who has been faithful as he has promised and has brought the present situation about. Please therefore keep your new minister and your congregation constantly in your prayers asking God to bless and prosper the new chapter you are about to enter in the life of Ayr St Quivox.

I trust that as many of you as possible will come to the induction service on 11th December at 7.00pm in Dalmilling Church when your new minister Rev John McCutcheon will be inducted and welcomed.

The time has come once again for us to look forward to celebrating one of the most wonderful events in history, the birth of God's son Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

Yes, God so loved the world that he sent his only son into the world to redeem us all.



This is the vital message which lies at the heart of Christmas. I pray that at this time you may all be blessed through the love and joy of this Christmas message and be renewed and refreshed in your faith to meet all the challenges of tomorrow, ever growing in the assurance that God is for ever with you no matter where you go.

Thank-you for your friendship and patience with me over the past four and a half years and may the Lord bless you and keep you.

Your interim moderator and locum.

Rev Ken



FDITORS NOTE:

We too have mixed feelings; while we are delighted that God has called Rev John McCutcheon to be our minister, we are very sad to say goodbye to Rev Ken. He thanks us for our patience—but he has demonstrated great patience with us over the past four and half years. He has made us look realistically at our situation and gently led us to make changes, adapting to difficult times for our church, both locally and nationally.

So Ken we thank you wholeheartedly for your leadership and hard work. We wish you a time of rest and relaxation—but knowing you, you will be soon moving on to your next adventure!

REV JOHN MCCUTCHEON





For those of you who are reading this and wondering who I am, my name is John McCutcheon and after my Induction on 11TH December at Dalmilling Church I will be the new minister of St Quivox Parish Church, and you probably have no idea of just how excited I am at that prospect. The fact that I will be leading the Church through Christmas is really exciting as well.

To save many of you from paying money to carry out back ground checks on me it was suggested that I write a wee bit for the magazine to tell you a bit about myself. As far as the ministry goes I began that path nearly 15 years ago when I trained to be a Reader. I was Set Apart (to give it its Church title in 2008). Thereafter I sensed my calling to train to become an Ordained local Minister, and I completed that and was Ordained in 2014. A few months later I sensed the calling to become a full time minister and that is what I have been doing for the last 5 years or so. It has been a long and winding road, as the song says.

I have lived in the Clydebank/Dumbarton area nearly all my life so this is a new adventure for me, although when I was younger our BB Company came to Ayr a couple of times and camped in a farmers field. It was also the only time I ever saw Professional wrestling, or at least the ones who used to wrestle on the World of Sport on a Saturday afternoon, I saw all these 'stars' in the Dam Park Hall.

I left school and worked with my dad in his Plumbing and Heating Company but took a career change in 1999 and went and studied at Glasgow Caledonian University. I graduated from there in 2003 with an Honours degree in Social Sciences in Politics with History. And then a couple of years ago I completed my second Honours degree when I got my Divinity degree from Glasgow University. Not bad for a bloke that left school with nothing but a couple of 'O' grades. Hopefully an inspiration for many that all things really are possible.



I like reading and listening to music and watching sport on the telly. Sometimes I do it all at once, but it's not to be recommended!!! I also like to work out and generally keep fit and will no doubt find myself in Bannatyne's once I get settled into the community.

For those of you are extra keen to know everything about their minister I am also divorced but for the last year or so have been going out with Elaine from Crosshill. Thus I have become very familiar with the M/A 77.

One of the greatest things I enjoy being able to do as a minister is visiting people. So I will be coming to visit as many of you as I possibly can. Which also carries the recommendation that you stock up on tea and coffee!!! I am really looking forward to everything that lies ahead, and to hopefully being your minister for many years to come, and to share in the joys and challenges that make us the people we are and the church community that we have become over many, many years.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Friday 29th November "Candlelit Concert"

7pm in Dalmilling Church (see page 10 for details)

Sunday 1st December - 1st in Advent

10:30am Communion Sunday

A service for the 1st Sunday in Advent

in Auchincruive Church

Saturday 7th December—Community Christmas Meal

Dalmilling Church 12-2pm

Sunday 8th December - 2nd in Advent

10:30am Morning worship at Dalmilling

Wednesday 11th December

7pm Induction of Rev John McCutcheon—followed by a

welcome social

Sunday 15th December - 3rd in Advent

10:30am Morning service in Auchincruive Church

Sunday 22nd December - 4th in Advent

10:30am Morning worship at Dalmilling.

Monday 24th December - Christmas Eve

6:30pm Messy Christmas Eve in Dalmilling Church

11:30pm Christmas Eve Service in Auchincruive Church

Sunday 29th December

10:30am Morning Worship in Auchincruive Church









WELCOME THE NEW YEAR AND THE NEW MINISTER!

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED! WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS THIS SOCIAL EVENT -



MAKE IT THE FIRST DATE IN YOUR DIARY FOR 2020!

Joy to the World

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Friends, at the next meeting we will discuss when we will start again after Christmas and New Year, but until then I take this opportunity to say thanks for being sup-

portive. I think we enjoy coming and having a good chit chat, cuppa and a biscuit. I take this time to wish you all Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year 2020.

Lena Hollywood



The activities within the project are going well. Our 'Wild Rhythm' music has been growing a lot in recent months. On average we are getting around 60 folks attending. With as many as 80 in one week! Our 2nd anniversary is due in a couple of weeks.

Our relationship with Dalmilling Primary is ongoing as we continue to provide an after school club on a Friday, and our SU group at lunchtime on Tuesdays. The after school club is going OK, although a review is currently ongoing in an attempt to make sure our sessions are as beneficial and engaging as possible, for those who attend. The Tuesday group is a 'Scripture Union' group which I started back in May. Numbers are around 4 per session. While these numbers appear small, I believe that this is one of the most important aspects of the work. We have an opportunity to share something about faith in God on a regular basis. 'Faith comes by hearing the word of God'

I continue to work in partnership with 'Room Sixty' (RS). RS are based in Newton Wallacetown Church. We are currently planning some additional group work in Ayr Academy high school. As well as this, I am supporting their Wednesday lunch group and their evening drop-in sessions. This work is exclusively with teenage kids. Also, they have 'Church@5pm' on the last Sunday of each month. All are welcome.

Our monthly 'Faith Food Fun' has been a real encouragement to me. We meet on the first Saturday of each month, 12-2pm. We have seen a core group of people attend this throughout the year. We have activities for kids and the adults have the opportunity to chat with one another. Everyone is very respectful and attentive to our faith based talks.

St James lunch club has recently started as well. That is where I spend my Friday lunchtimes. It starts at 12 noon. Food is really good. You're welcome to join us if you are free.

Also, we have a short **prayer and devotional time** on Fridays, 2pm in the Church. We are greatly blessed when we meet. Please consider joining us.

NORTH AYR THEGITHER PROJECT



Prayer Points:

Pray for wisdom as I seek support some kids on a 1-1 basis.



Pray that our community would experience an awakening to the reality of who God is.

Pray that I would know Gods discernment and direction as I seek to serve him here.

Pray for protection and encouragement in my day to day activities.

Pray for the other Churches within North Ayr (Not just Church of Scotland).

Pray for a regular volunteer to help at Wild Rhythm and inspiration and creativity for our 127 club.

Above all. Give thanks for all that he is doing among us.







BOWLING GROUP

Here we are approaching another year! Gosh doesn't time fly. It gives me great pleasure to say thank you to each and every one of you for your support. We are a small group, but we enjoy ourselves. We will discuss when we are going to start at the next meeting. Until then, it gives me great pleasure to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Yea

May God bless you all.

Lena



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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Dalmilling Church

Friday 29th November 2019 at 7:00pm

Compere David McMahon presents

Bobby Irvine

The Salvation Army Band Rebekah Parkhill

Dalmilling Primary School Choir Stewart McKinley

Scott Nicol with Ellie and Debbie

Jennifer McCutcheon

Admission Free Retiring Collection for Church Funds



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO TWO SPECIAL LADIES!



Lifetime friends and neighbours, Lena Hollywood and Margaret O'Hara had every good reason to celebrate last weekend as both were joined by members and friends of Dalmilling Church to cut a special cake to mark their 95th Birthdays. Margaret's daughter Margaret Jackson, had made the

trip from near New York to celebrate with her Mum on this special occasion.

Both Ladies whose Birthdays are only a couple of weeks apart, have known one another for nearly 75 years, were surprised and delighted to share their delicious cake which was in the shape of an Indoor Bowls Rink.

Celebrations continued at the Indoor

Bowls the following night with yet another surprise Cake which Lena, our Leader and Bowls Organiser, produced at the tea-break for Margaret, who already, in the afternoon, had bowled at Annbank such is her enthusiasm for the game.

Both Lena and Margaret are great supporters of our Indoor Bowling Group and are truly inspirational ladies and a great example to

us all and we are blessed to enjoy their company.



Many Happy Returns

Ladies!!

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING





On Wednesday 8th October 15 members and friends made the trip by car to the West End of Glasgow, just off Byers Road

to pay a visit to St Lukes Greek Orthodox Cathedral. We received a very warm welcome from the Priest, Father Mark, and once inside the Gothic Style Cathedral which was formerly a Church of Scotland, with the interior now transformed in the Orthodox Style . Father Mark - a Scotsman! - gave us a very interesting talk on the slightly complicated history of the Orthodox Church and its origins in Glasgow. In its early days the main Congregation comprised of the inhabitants of two villages in Cyprus, all of whom had migrated here to work for the well known and very successful Restaurateur & Hotelier Mr Reo Stakis - who eventually bought the Church from the C.O.S. - and is owned by the Reo Stakis Trust. Father Mark explained how Services were run, and demonstrated to us how the Bible lessons are not read, but sung, and also explained the significance of the impressive display of Icons decorating the walls, There were a number of questions from our Group which Father Mark dealt with in his own inimitable style before taking us all to enjoy the warmth of the Hall to enjoy teas & coffees and Tattie scones and Pancakes from our Leader Margaret, Soon it was time to face the rush hour traffic back to Ayrshire, but not before Margaret and Rev. Ken had thanked Father Mark for his special hospitality which we all enjoyed.

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING



Despite a rather gloomy forecast, 18 members and guests set off from Dalmilling Church in cloudy bright conditions for our destination at Garrion Bridges Antiques & Garden Centre.

After a pleasant drive through the Irvine Valley past Loudon Hill,S trathaven and Stonehouse



we arrived at the Garden Centre with its vast array of displays and individual stalls selling everything from aromatics to zips - you could spend a whole day there and still not see everything! After lunch and a bit more shopping we made our way in the Coach alongside the River Clyde before climbing the very steep and twisty Brae, to the County Town of Lanark and wending our way down the other side to the unique and Historical 19th Century Mill Village of New Lanark.

The village was the brainchild and creation of the very forward-thinking Robert Owen who completely revolutionised the treatment and living conditions of the Mill-workers and their families. His Mills were powered by electricity generated from his own Power Station driven by the waters of the River Clyde which had 4 sets of water-falls all in fairly close proximity. These are known as 'The Falls of

Clyde' and have become a tourist attraction in their own right and very popular with Walkers and Naturalists. We were able to enjoy a gentle walk along the river, have a coffee or visit the Craft Shop before boarding the coach for the return journey just as the rain started and having enjoyed a

good day, good food and good company.



Special thanks are due to our Events & Fundraising Convenor, Margaret McConnell for all her organisation to make the day so enjoyable and successful. Well done Margaret!









by Dalmilling Brownies Brown Owl Lise Whittle

The Brownies have been working towards a new badge called 'Future Girl Acts – Plastic Pollution'. It is part of a Girlguiding 'Planet Protectors' Campaign.

Across the UK, Girlguiding groups are looking at plastic pollution because they're worried about the damage it's causing to our planet and the animals we share it with. They are promising to take action to use less plastic and recycle more!

The Brownies discussed the following facts and promised to try and make a difference.

We use 7.7 billion plastic water bottles every year in the UK. Make a difference and Carry a reusable water bottle.

Plastic cutlery is used for just 10 minutes before it goes to a landfill forever. Can you use an alternative?

We get through 1.2 billion metres of clingfilm every year. It's time to resist the wrap. Use a box instead.

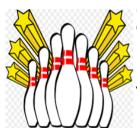
We bin almost 5,000 coffee/milkshake cups every minute. Reduce the cup clutter – get one you can use again and again.

Spread the word about Cutting plastic waste - tell a friend.



The Brownies wrote down their 'plastic promises' and why it's important.

Then each Brownie made a game using recycled empty



plastic 'Actimel' bottles which they decorated with Sharpie pens or stickers, made a screwed up newspaper ball - and had lots of fun with their friends playing a very inexpensive game of recycled Skittles!

The Brownies meet in Dalmilling Church on Monday nights



NOTE FROM THE TEMPORARY EDITOR

Elizabeth (the usual editor) would like to thank everyone for their for their good wishes, cards and flowers following her recent medical procedure. Our prayers go with her and we wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her among us very soon.

It's Christmas





It's Christmas happy times ahead as children wait the man in red.

We've spent and spent rushed here and there for what to eat and what to wear.

And as the buzz goes on and on with presents to and fro

how many think of that first time so very long ago when in a stable cold and bare Love came down to earth.

to save us all from sin and death with baby Jesus' birth?

Today it's just one more excuse to party and have fun forgetting what it really meant when God sent us His Son.

Take just one moment from the day, remember why it's here

and honour God in word and deed throughout the coming year.

Greta Yorke

To colour in

God's Gift to US



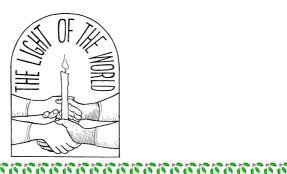


Christmas Wordsearch

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CAMELS	GOD	KINGS	STABLE
CELEBRATION	GOLD	LOVE	STAR
CHRISTMAS	GOODWILL	MANGER	TREE
CRACKERS	HEROD	MARY	TURKEY
DECEMBER	HILLSIDE	MYRRH	
DESERT	INN	NAZARETH	
DONKEY	JERUSALEM	NIGHT	



TEDDY BEAR TOTS



The group continues to operate with a waiting list. We have a regular attendance of parents and grand-parents. One of the volunteers now provides breakfast at cost price (usually rolls and sausage) for the

adults.

The volunteers have in the last month raised over £500 from a Prize Bingo and Car Boot Sale. Proceeds from these events will go to the work of North Ayr Thegither and provide extras for the Tots.

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:

Rosemary (Auchincruive) Tel: 01292 520258

Pat (Dalmilling) Tel: 01292 283503

DATE	NAME	CHURCH
1st December	P Smith	Auchincruive Church
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8 th December		Dalmilling Church
15 th December	R Alexander	Auchincruive Church
22 nd December	Mr & Mrs Bryan	Dalmilling Church
29 th December		Auchincruive Church
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5 th January	M McConnell	Dalmilling Church
12 th January	C Mutch	Auchincruive Church
19th January	D Boyd	Dalmilling Church
26 th January	P Johnston	Auchincruive Church
2 nd February		Dalmilling Church
9 th February		Auchincruive Church
16 th February	E Brechany	Dalmilling Church
23 rd February		Auchincruive Church

PARISH REGISTER



25/5/19 Helene McNaughton, 25 Dalblair Court, Ayr

12/8/19 Elizabeth Weir, Hallhouse Care Home,

Fenwick.

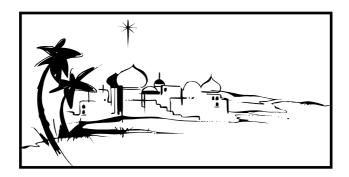
30/8/19 Sandra Little, 53 Sloan St., Ayr

1/10/19 Graham Taylor 49 Ferguson St., Ayr

9/10/19 Brenda Miriam Kenyon, Kilmarnock.

22/10/19 Sheila Ballantyne, 3a High Road, Whitletts

5/11/19 Clark Milliken, 8 Howford, Ballochmyle, Mauchline



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 2019 TO JUNE 2020



DECEMBER	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
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MARCH	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
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APRIL	5th	12th	19th	26th	
	Auch	Dal	Auch	Dal	
MAY	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
	Auch	Dal	Auch	Dal	Auch
JUNE	7th	14th	21st	28th	
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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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Magazine editor	Elizabeth Brechany	268363	
Flowers Auchincruive	Rosemary Alexander	520258	
Flowers Dalmilling	Pat Smith	283503	



We Invite you

To join us for COMMUNION SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 2019 AUCHINCRUIVE CHURCH AT 10:30 a.m.



Do this in remembrance of me.

Luke 22:19

Next issue of Church Magazine

All items should be submitted to Elizabeth Brechany
by Sunday 2nd February 2020

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