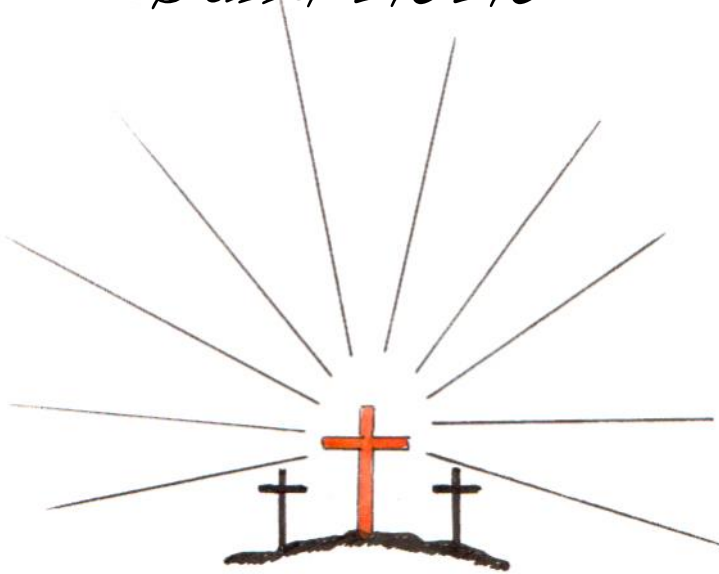


Ayr:St Quivox Parish Church

June 2020



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Welcome to the June edition of the Church magazine, where hopefully this will be a one-off event of publishing it on-line due to the current situation.

It is only just over three months since we put out the last magazine but it seems to have been a lot longer because of the way life seems to have been turned upside down. Who would ever have thought in March, as we prepared for Communion that events would play out in the way they have. And without sounding all doom and gloom it would appear, that for the moment at least, there is unlikely to be any significant change for some time.

Obviously one of the down-sides within the life of the Church has been our inability to meet together. The main highpoint of the Christian calendar, Easter, had to be celebrated in new and different ways. Perhaps you watched one of the services on the tv, or on-line, or you simply read your Bible. No matter what you did, it is not the same when you are used to participating in these events with others, is it?

To try and keep in touch with as many of you as possible, and to try and feed your spiritual faith we have been putting resources on to our web site and Facebook page. During the week and on Sunday you will find readings and reflections, as well as a mini service. There have also been a couple of short Bible studies for those who have got fed up with doing Word searches and Crosswords.

We are also in the final stages of actually recording the reflections and adding a couple of prayers and some music, and then putting it onto the web page. Bear with us, because there will no doubt be a period of trial and error as we find our feet doing this.

One of the problems that we do have as a Church community is that we are not as connected as we would like to be, or like to think we are. It's easy keeping in touch when everything is going well but in a situation like lockdown, things are a bit harder. For example, whilst



we have a Church Roll with everyone's name and address on it, for the vast majority of members that's as much information as we have. And whilst we respect your right to privacy, if we had contact phone numbers and/or email addresses we could be in contact on a more frequent basis, especially for those of you who are on your own and missing out on church life. Therefore, it would be of great assistance, even for the next few months, until normal service is resumed if you could get in touch with us with contact information so that we can keep in touch with you. I can assure you all your details will be kept safe and secure and won't be passed on to anyone else.

It's also a strange thing to say in the midst of a lockdown but I have been able to get to know some of you better over the last couple of months through our shared phone calls and emails. I would like to get to know everyone better and that may take time but I can assure you that it will happen as I attempt to forge and build relationships and friendships with everyone on the church roll and those who come regularly on a Sunday but who are not on the roll.

When we are unable to see the ones we know and love it can be tough. I know that it is a struggle for many. The hope that we have as followers of Jesus is the assurance that He is aware of all those things that we are going through today; of all those things that worry us; and all those things that are causing us to despair.

However, as a church and a congregation, we keep going because we know that together we will get through this and come out on the other side. I can say this with confidence because although I've only been here a short period of time, I have noticed the strength and the character of those who belong to our church community. Not just those who give of themselves day after day, and week after week, but also those who are not able to get along as often as they once could, but who are still nonetheless committed to Christ's mission through the work we do at St Quivox.

And we also have confidence because, although we live in



extraordinary times, we serve an extraordinary God.

One day we will look back on this as a memory and we will say to each other “remember the time when.....”

But until then stay safe, stay home (until the rules tell us otherwise) but also keep going in the faith and love that makes us all the people we are.

John

Signs of Growth

One of the disappointments arising out of the Coronavirus and lockdown is that prior to it I was beginning to notice an increase in our numbers coming to Church on Sunday and it would be great if we could build on that once we start meeting again. That is one of my on-going aims for St Quivox; not just to simply increase the numbers, but for us to be a community where we all value and love one another. And that when a visitor comes into the building they will want to come back because of the welcome they received and by the way they were made to feel just as much one part of our community as everyone else. It is actually quite an easy aspiration, going by the way I've seen visitors being welcomed and treated whenever they come through our doors.

Finances

As you can imagine, the closure of the church has had a knock-on effect on our finances. Colin, our treasurer, has a report for us in the magazine but I would urge you to remember to put your offerings to one side and we can collect them once the situation enables us to do



so. Alternatively, as Colin suggests, if you are able to, you can go directly to the church bank account and place your gifts that way.

I know that for many if not most of you, finances are tight, especially now. The last thing I want anyone to think is that when we talk about finances, and individual giving, that we are trying to make anyone feel guilty about what they give. It's simply good stewardship to let everyone know how stable (or otherwise) our finances are. If we don't have money then we don't have a future, it is as simple as that, but thankfully we are not at that stage yet. It should also be borne in mind that even the richest of churches are nearly always struggling to make ends meet. So, whatever situation we find ourselves in financially, we take comfort in knowing that we are not alone in these matters.

Following on from this, we will hold the Annual Stated Meeting after church within a few weeks of us being allowed to start meeting again.

Christian Aid Week.

Normally at this time of the year we make a donation to Christian Aid. We will do this once the normal church services are back in operation again.

Presbytery Plan

Nothing has changed as far as St Quivox is concerned from what I wrote in the March magazine. Things were meant to be taken forward over April-June, but obviously with the Coronavirus and everything stopping for the time being there is no update as such. We will let you know when the time comes as to how the Presbytery plans to take things forward, and as to how it will affect St Quivox.



'As you may be aware the Scottish Government are making plans to ease the lock down, and they plan doing it in 4 stages. Stage 1 was due to take place on 28th May.

Of interest to us as a Church is that whenever stage 2 is enacted, the Government have recommended that places of worship can be open for private prayer, with us following the proper safety procedures and distancing regulations. For us at St Quivox, this would enable us to open our church on Sunday morning for individuals to come and pray/ reflect whatever you wanted to do. This would take place in the appropriate church that was due to be open on that particular Sunday. For example, If we were due to meet at Auchincruive, that building would be open. If we were meant to meet at Dalmilling, that building would be open

It would not be a worship service, this would not happen until later on.

All we ask at the moment is that you pay attention to what is being said on our web site or on the news and that will let you know when we will be opening again.

Thanks for your patience and perseverance.

We will get through this and come out the other side. Stay safe'.

John

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TREASURERS REPORT

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The current situation is proving very challenging for our finances. With the church buildings being closed, we are not receiving any free will offering envelopes nor the considerable amount we receive from the let of our premises. Our Income has already reduced by 18% this year but we still have ongoing expenses to pay including Ministry and Mission costs, Presbytery dues, Maintenance Contracts, Phone/Broadband costs, Utility costs and Insurance etc. We have already had to pay out £6,355.20 for urgent roof repair work to both of our church buildings.

We need to be able to keep our funds at a level so that we can continue to provide the valuable services we give to our community. It would assist us greatly if those who currently offer their money by the free will offering envelopes might consider donating some of this to our account (details as below) or by standing order/direct debit. In addition those who are eligible to do so, consider completing a Gift Aid declaration which would, in effect, mean we would receive an additional 25%. Although the buildings are closed, we are still operating as a church and want to continue doing so for the foreseeable future. I hope therefore that you would give the above your consideration. Please go to our web site at:- www.ayrstquivox.com to see what we are currently doing.

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Saturday March 14th saw Eileen and Gwyn's son Arwel marry Marianne at Auchincruive Church on what was probably the first dry morning of the year! The bride was beautiful, and the groom handsome, so everything was as it should be. The church was full downstairs, the congregation in good voice, and the service, led by Rev John, was perfect.

One of Marianne's old friends from drama school read 1st Corinthians 13, so eloquently as to bring new life to this familiar and well-loved passage. The best man's wife, Penny, and Arwel and Marianne's sister-in-law, Georgie, read a poem, verse about, in Welsh and English. Owain, Arwel's elder brother, played the organ. We were so pleased to see a number of church members amongst the congregation too!

The bride came in to Mendelssohn's Wedding March, and skipped away from her father when she saw Arwel, leaving her dad hanging on to her by his fingertips! After the service, the newlyweds left to 'You're just too good to be true, can't take my eyes off of you!'

We had a fabulous reception at the Brig o' Doon hotel, with a first-class meal and dancing to a great band. They looked after us extremely well.

We know we were so lucky to have been able to hold the wedding that day, the week before lockdown. We were able to meet all our friends and family, and the memories have kept us going through these recent weeks.

We also all had haircuts for the wedding, and that too was very fortunate!!!

Eileen Williams



Can you name the church from the pulpit falls shown below?





We are living in the strangest of times. Schools, offices and workplaces closed and staff working from home where possible. Lockdown in place for all but essential workers. Everyone else told they are only allowed out to go shopping or to the pharmacy.

When lockdown was announced it didn't really dawn on me what that would mean for me. As it happened though my circumstances were about to change. When my niece is working 12 hour shifts at Ayr hospital I look after her daughter. Jem stays with me for the duration. Not wanting to put her daughter or me at risk she suggested Jem move in with me until the peak was past and hospital admissions were on the decline.

Sometimes it has not been easy looking after a 6-year-old especially during home schooling, but we've got along well and she's been company for me. Not once has Jem complained about being away from home. She looks on her stay as a holiday 'until the nasty Corona virus goes away'.

We've read books, baked cakes and coloured pictures using Paint by Number. She's reintroduced me to Disney, watching Frozen 2, The Lion King and Sleeping Beauty and other TV such as Dino Dana and Wild Kratz. I then get to re-enact these stories with Jem giving me my dialogue.



Home schooling has been carried out using Microsoft Teams with each child logging in to their class to access tasks set by their teachers and then post their work on the site. A varied program of Literacy, Reading, Handwriting, Maths and Daily Sums featured daily. The school has also used online resources such as Oxford Owl e-books for reading, Sumdog for maths and grammar, Topmarks for maths, Linguascope for Spanish, Zip phonics and BBC bitesize for grammar and science.



The school sports day became the Glenburn Olympics with daily challenges. There were also activities for Digi Day and Health week. My sincere thanks goes out especially to Mrs Lang and Mrs Wallace, Mrs Cairns and staff of the school for the work and commitment they have put in to home schooling during this period of lockdown.

The one good thing in all this has been the good weather. It has been mainly sunny throughout although with chilly winds dropping the temperature.

During this time I have not been out of the house apart from playing in the garden (Jem refers to this as her playpark), doing a bit of weeding or going for walks



round the block. All my shopping has been done by my niece and her husband and my brother-in-law. I only had to write my list and send it on Messenger. I even had neighbours asking if I needed anything when they were going to the shops.

Thursday evenings when we have gone out to show our appreciation of NHS workers has been wonderful. One neighbour in particular has taken control of this by indicating when we should all start clapping and when to stop. We then all wish each other well and return to our homes. It has been great to join in this spirit of community and know that we are all in this together.

Social media has definitely been a bonus for most families, I think. Certainly, for Jem it has meant daily contact with her mum and dad. She has enjoyed spending time in the garden with them but also looks forward to bedtime stories via video chats. Jem also has a weekly video chat with her two best friends from school. It is good for her to maintain this contact.



My sisters and I started having a weekly video chat on a Sunday. We will continue this when restrictions are lifted as it is a way of 'seeing' our sister in Redditch. I do miss our weekly visit to the M&S cafe for lunch though.

This year I had invites to three weddings. My cousin's son should have been married on the 23rd May at Enterkine House but of course this was cancelled and I've no idea when this will go ahead. My nephew (in England) was due to get married on the 2nd July and has rearranged his wedding for the beginning of September and God willing it will go ahead then. The final wedding is my sister's at the Carlton in November. I really hope we aren't still under restrictions in November.

On a sadder note I was unable to attend the funeral of a neighbour's mum. Her mother had lived opposite me for many years. It must have been difficult for the family with only a few members allowed to attend. I had attended two family funerals in February, and it does help to be able to come together and share memories with others.

To end on a happier note Nicola Sturgeon has informed us that we can begin relaxation of some aspects of lockdown as we enter Phase 1. With this prospect in mind and the falling cases of covid-19 in hospital my niece told Jem it was time for her to go home. Jem responded, 'this is the best day of the year'.

Elizabeth Brechany

Friday 29th May and I've must been for a walk round the 'block' - up Dalmilling road to the church, where the grass is about 2 feet tall, then along Whitletts Road to Mainholm Road and back home.





“The best laid schemes o’ Mice an’ Men gang aft agley’

It was so disappointing to have to cancel the ‘Faith Series Visits’ to Glasgow Reform Synagogue in March and Glasgow Central Mosque in April, however, our happy band will be welcomed at both places of worship for a very interesting guided tour followed by afternoon tea, when the Coronavirus Pandemic crisis is over and all Government restrictions are lifted.

In June, before the Schools break up for the summer holidays, the Events Committee had planned for a super fun event at Dalmilling Church when everyone would be invited, including families from the wider Community, to enjoy a superb “Strawberry Tea” with lots of fun for everyone, and also the opportunity to find out more about what’s going on at Dalmilling Church and the Wilson Hall. Sadly, it seems this will not now take place this year as planned but we will do it another time.

There also remains a question mark over our Annual Summer Outing by coach. We had been planning a visit to Clydeside Distillery Glasgow, with lunch at the Distillery and perhaps also taking in a visit to the Transport Museum which is nearby. Hopefully this might be arranged later in the year – look out for more information in the next edition of the magazine!

The Committee was excited to plan all these trips and the big ‘Strawberry Tea’ event at Dalmilling and are very sorry to have to cancel but we are looking forward to great times ahead once the Pandemic is over and we can get back to ‘normal’. In the meantime, do take care everyone, we all miss you and can’t wait to get underway with our next exciting Event!

Margaret McConnell



Brownies



by 1st Dalmilling Brownies Brown Owl Lise Whittle



1st Dalmilling Brownies started 2020 by planting and decorating pots with three layers of bulbs to flower at different times throughout the Spring. They all helped decorate one of the pots and we left it by the Church



door for the congregation to enjoy. We celebrated Burns Night with

Brown Owl's Haggis Dance and shortbread. We are

working towards our 'Have Adventures – Camping'

theme badge and learnt about the right way to build a campfire and strike a match safely. We borrowed a plug



-in campfire and sang songs around it. We practised

First Aid and then had to take our 'injured' Brownie safely through an

adventure assault course back to safety. We had a 'recycling from

junk' night where the girls were asked to make something "useful

that would last" from recycled items, and they came up with a clever

game, a doll's house and a useful decorated bowl. On



another night the Brownies were told that they were

shipwrecked on an island and could only take 5 things

with them – what would you choose from the following

–First Aid kit, waterproof material, fishing net, knife,

matches, string, chocolate, empty water bottle, blanket, paper and

pen, torch, mirror, batteries, suntan lotion, spare clothes and

compass? Everyone came up with different ideas, and it prompted a



lot of discussion! One night we learnt about hedgehogs

and where they like to sleep, and we made hedgehog

pompoms. On another night we made wax food wraps

from cotton and bees wax which can be used to wrap



food in place of plastic cling film.



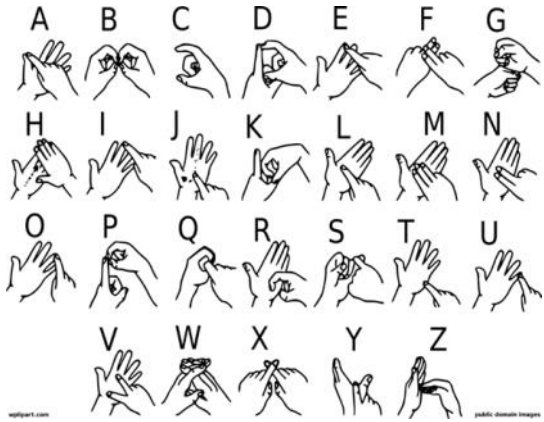
In March it was announced that all Girlguiding activities were to be suspended because of the outbreak of Coronavirus. We Leaders decided to stay in touch with the Brownies, and

we have been putting together a weekly activity pack to be emailed out to the girls every Monday at exactly 4.15pm, which is the time we would be starting our usual Brownies meetings. The girls have been

following our usual songs and having a go at puzzles, games, quizzes, yoga and keep-fit; origami, Easter crafts and cards; we continued some badge work including 'tent detectives' to work out the correct order to put up a tent, and making a den at home; how to make a 'Bottle Mansion' for insects; night sky



observing; working towards the Baking and Painting badges; sign language and Makaton; poems, jokes, cheery messages and photos. We hope to get back to our regular meetings when it is safe to do so, and to get the Rainbows unit up and running too. If you know of any young girls aged between 5-10 who might like to join Rainbows or Brownies, please ask their families to get in touch dalmillingbrownies@hotmail.com



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I appreciate this may be difficult without printing but have a go.

A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE NOW GOING
BACK TO CHURCH ONCE AGAIN



THIS IS USUALLY BECAUSE THEY
HAVE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING LIKE
THEIR KEYS OR JACKET OR GLASSES

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...and as you can see they are obeying social distancing.



The walls of this town came tumbling down.

Who fought the battle for the town above?

Wearer of a coat of many colours.

Father of above.

Prophet and author of Lamentations.

Seventh book of Old Testament.

Father of King David.

He was thrown overboard and swallowed.

A seaport town.

One of the tribes of Israel.

Wife of King Ahab who worshipped Baal.

Our Lord and Saviour.

The river in which he was baptised.

Two disciples.

City in which the Last Supper was held

He was betrayed by this man.

Second last book of New Testament.



Let us remember those less fortunate than us. The lonely, the bereaved, those old and infirm. The ones whose only contact may have been at the supermarket or from carers who can no longer come.

If they are our neighbours give them a wave or a nod. Let them know they are noticed and not forgotten by all.

Perhaps they may be relatives or far flung friends so send them a note or give them a call.

After all it is nice to be nice.

Elizabeth Brechany



Wedding

14/3/20 Marianne Sarah Tees And Arwel Neish Pierce Williams

Funerals

4/2/20	James Johnstone, 18 Gordon Street,	Non-member
12/2/20	Michael Devlin, 59 Westwood Cresc.,	Non member
20/2/20	Jessie Graham, Cumnor Hall Care Home	Non member
24/2/20	John Peacock, 42 Cowan Cresc.,	Non-member
5/3/20	Stella Hood, Ayr Hospice	Non-member
6/3/20	Sally Sinclair, 45D Main Road, Whitletts	Non-member
9/3/20	John 'Wayne' Hood, Ayr Hospice	Non-member
12/3/20	Margaret Patterson, Claremont Care Home	Non member
23/3/20	Titan Davidson, 102 Russel Drive	
30/3/20	Flora Sawyers, 22 Walker Road	Non member
21/4/20	Rosamund and Jack Jellema, Glenfairn Care Home.	Members
29/4/20	Una Newbold, Berelands House Care Home	Non member
29/4/20	Bernard Kyle, 29 Oakwood Ave.,	Non member

Memorial Service

5/2/20 Kirsty Robertson



John 14:1-4 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going."





As mentioned on our Facebook page the church website is undergoing an overhaul. If you want to find out more about us then why not visit :

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You will find listings for

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Keep checking back as some areas are still under construction.

Elizabeth Brechany



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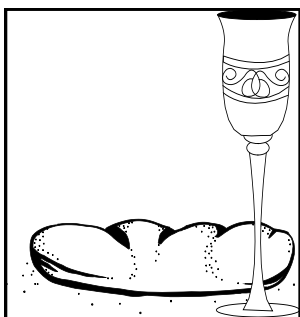
We Invite

YOU!

To join us for COMMUNION

Not in June or maybe even September

**But as soon as we can safely do so
after we once again open our doors
and normal services resume.**



Do this in remembrance of me.

Luke 22:19

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All items should be submitted to Elizabeth Brechany

by Sunday 9th August 2020

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