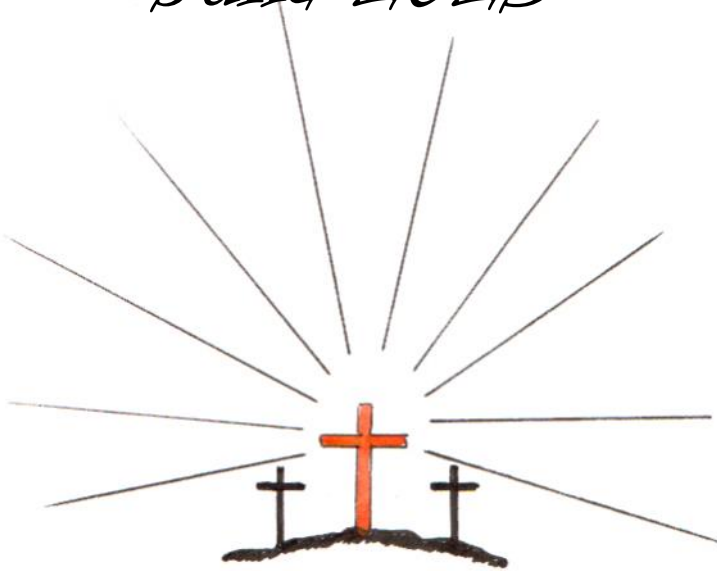


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Ayr:St Quivox Parish Church

June 2023



SUNDAY SERVICES

Alternate between Auchincruive and Dalmilling

Check Facebook page for updates

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As we head towards our June Communion, and many of you are no doubt thinking about your Summer holidays or you have maybe already booked them, we get to realise that the old saying that time stands still for no person is so true.

The Christmas services seem to have only been yesterday; Easter too has come and gone, and now we once again hopefully look forward to a long hot summer and whatever joys that may accompany that.

However, as we move from one season to the next, whether that be spiritual or climatic, may we continue to remind ourselves and one another of the faithfulness of God in every situation we come up against.

Having celebrated Christmas and Easter—the birth and the death and resurrection of Jesus, may they give us the added ability and confidence to persevere with everything that we are doing just now.

Whilst it may not always be obvious to everyone outside the doors of the church we have enjoyed a busy 5 months, particularly in the work that is being done with the wider community.

Everyone in their own way is helping to make a difference, and to ensure that the church still has a presence in the communities we serve. For that we should all be thankful.

As always, if you need me for anything please feel free to get in contact. Also, if you would like a home communion because you are unable to get to church for the Communion services, that can be arranged as well.

John

Gathered to celebrate the Resurrection



Communion Service Sunday 4th June in Auchincruive Church

For those of our members who are unable to get to church a home communion is available if you feel you want it or if it would be helpful.

Please feel free to get in touch if I can help you with this.

John Tel: 01292 861641



Molly Blackwood was a much loved member of the St Quivox church family. For sixty years she served faithfully in the church, carrying out many duties, whether as a member of the Congregational Board or as a co-opted member of the Kirk Session, and even when she was unable to be attend the meetings she maintained an interest in how things were going. Molly was involved in nearly every aspect of church life, helping out and supporting all the various coffee mornings, church fetes and other church fundraisers that were organised throughout the years.

And it was as a small sign of our gratitude for all that she had done that the church presented her with a long service certificate at the end of 2022, just after she had come out of hospital.

However, committed as she was to the church, nothing was more important to Molly than her family, and they remained the main focus in her life.

Although she had known times of tragedy, Molly tended not to dwell upon them, instead she believed that life was for living in the here and now, because you couldn't turn back time.

She always wanted the best for her family, whether that be for her son Ian and his family or her various nieces and nephews and their families.

Over the last 10 months or so Molly was in and out of hospital where she still managed to overcome the odds and return home.

Unfortunately, her last battle with illness was one too many. And whilst she is no longer with us, just like so many others, she leaves behind a legacy that will ensure that she will never be forgotten.

John

Church life

At the moment there is nothing to report as far as the Union with St James goes. It is my hope that in the second half of 2023 we are able to build on the momentum of the joint service we shared in December, and that there will be more such services and that the Kirk Sessions will be able to meet to plan the way ahead.

As stated previously, irrespective of what the Kirk Sessions plan, the Union of the churches, and the choosing of a minister can only go ahead after the congregations vote to either accept or reject the plans. All members who are on the congregational roll will be entitled to vote. Whilst we have a brilliant roll keeper it may well be that it would be worth all members double checking as to whether they are on the roll or not.



Community Corner continues to meet every Wednesday in the Wilson Hall between 12 o'clock and 2 o'clock. Numbers vary from week to week. We have been given further funding that will allow us to continue until March 2024. Please feel free to come along and get a cup of soup, a toastie and tea/ coffee and all sorts of fruits and biscuits. There is no charge. All we seek is to bring people from the community together and to share conversation and food with one another.



The monthly prayer service for Ukraine continues mostly on the last Saturday of each month at 11 am. We are once again back in Wellington Square. All details are available on the church's Facebook page.

We opened the doors of the Wilson Hall on Easter Monday for a community event where the 'Vics in the community' brought in roughly 120 members of the Community for a time of crafts, eating and the youngsters getting an Easter egg and a picture with the Easter Bunny. We are grateful to everyone involved for making these events the successes they are and for also enabling the church to be a symbol of good in the area, but perhaps more importantly it allows those with no church connection to see inside the big building at the corner of Dalmilling Road and Thornyflat Road!!

John



More Events organised by Vics in the Community



Easter Activity Mornings
Wednesday 5th & Wednesday 12th April

Lunch Provided

P1 - P3 - 10am-11am
P4 - P7 - 11am - 12pm

- VICS dance coach
- Games
- Fun
- Friendship

Wilson Hall
Dalmilling Church
Dalmilling Road
Ayr
KA8 0PG

THRIVING COMMUNITIES
Community Sport Hubs
NORTH Ayr



Afternoon tea was supplied to the residents of Whitletts Court.





I wonder what John was saying to the Easter Bunny!



As usual our Easter day started with an outdoors service . This year we were in the church at Auchincruive on a cold but dry day. We had a short sermon, prayer and sang a couple of hymns from Mission Praise. This was followed by breakfast in the church.

Our normal service then started at 10:30am followed by more tea/ coffee and cakes. We do like time to socialise after the service.



Those attending the early service are shown in these photos.



We recently started a new faith based programme called Keys to Freedom, which has seen up to 8 men gather each week to discuss spiritual principles. This is allowing an opportunity to explore forgiveness, beliefs, generational patterns and other topics which impact on the lives of each individual, and through the helpful discussions arising each week, there is an opportunity for vulnerability, peer support and personal growth. The men who are engaging have been thriving, and have enjoyed learning through the biblical content that is shared.

Faith Food Fun continues to be a positive event on our monthly calendar. While the numbers vary, we have seen an increase and engaged with new faces who have come in to contact with North Ayr TheGither through other avenues and activities. Visiting speakers and crafters have helped keep things fresh and exciting, and this event is always well received. Everyone is welcome, so do feel free to come along and join us for a bite to eat and a cuppa on the second Saturday of every month!

In recent weeks we have been back in Ayr Academy working alongside Room Sixty in engaging and supporting boys in S1 as they transition.

We are grateful to South Ayrshire Council for the funding we received to support families in the North Ayr area throughout the winter to help with the cost of living crisis. This allowed us to support around 100 households by providing fuel, clothing, and food assistance.

We are also grateful to VASA and the Scottish Government for the funding which has supported our men's activities. This has allowed us to offer 2 weekly groups, 1-1 supports and outings including a tour of Ibrox, Celtic Park and attendance at a football match in Middlesbrough. Many men have engaged in these activities and

reported them as being the highlight of their week. To finish, here are some quotes from the men;

‘I have been isolated and alone for so long, I am so grateful to have finally found a place where I have felt accepted and belong’

‘I have had over 30 NHS appointments that I just couldn’t bring myself to attend. Having met Paul for some 1-1 support, he empowered me to come along to the gym group, and now I am there every week – something I could never have committed to before. I have even started going to some of the other activities too...’

Having seen the impact these activities are having on the health and wellbeing on men in the north Ayr area, we are delighted to have received confirmation from Foundation Scotland that we were successful in receiving a grant, which will allow this work to continue.

Paul Algeo





Brownies



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by Brown Owl Lise Whittle

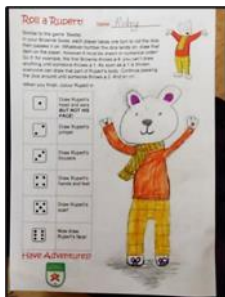
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The weeks seem to fly by, and we manage to pack a lot into our Brownie meetings! We made a good start to the new year by welcoming two new Brownies into our Unit. We talked about the Chinese New Year - this year it is the Year of the Rabbit. We played a 'Bunny Hop' game, and had a Rabbit Quiz finding out some new facts about rabbits. Everyone took home a little chocolate rabbit and a Chinese fortune cookie.

We also celebrated Burns Night and worked out that Robert Burns is 264! We played a 'Chase The Haggis' relay game by flapping a paper haggis along the floor with a rolled up newspaper. Then we danced 'Brown Owl's Haggis Dance' which wore us all out! We sang Auld Lang Syne, and everyone received a Happy Burns Night card.

The Brownies have started a new Girlguiding theme badge called 'Have Adventures', which is all about outdoor skills. We have

chosen a mascot for our new theme – Rupert Bear, who is famous for having adventures, and each week one Brownie gets to take a toy Rupert Bear home and have some adventures with him to tell us about. The Brownies had lots of fun playing a 'Roll-a-Rupert' game. We have been finding out about Rupert – he is 103 years old!



Did you know that one of his illustrators lived in Girvan? Many of the stories about Rupert include three Girl Guides – if you have ever read Rupert Bear stories, can you remember their names? (*Pauline, Beryl and Janet*). There is a huge willow sculpture of Rupert by the Duck Pond at Rozelle.

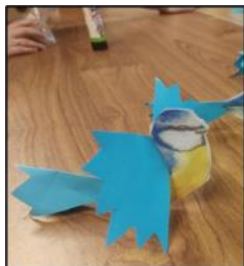


As part of our badge work, one week our District Commissioner Janis Meredith came along and got the girls to put up a tent in the correct order – and then take it down again, also in the correct order! The girls thoroughly enjoyed this, and several local residents stopped to have a look at why a tent was being put up on the grass outside the Church! We played a relay game involving things you *would* and *wouldn't* take camping – there was a lot of discussion about whether you would or wouldn't take your favourite cuddly toy with you!



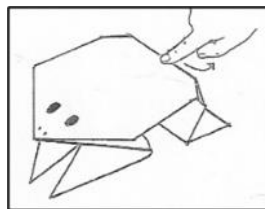
Another week we played an obstacle course game about an imaginary adventurous trip up a snow covered mountain which involved slotting our hands over our eyes to make 'snow vision goggles', then finding our way around rocks (chairs), lakes (hoops), over the river (blue scarf), into the cave (under table), through a snow storm (Young Leader with water sprayer!), over the wobbly bridge (warped plank) and back down the mountain on the ski lift (a

ride on well, we better not tell you, or we might get told not to do it again!!)



We also worked towards the Brownie Aviation badge by making a list of 40 things that can fly – you could try that too! Then we made up model planes from kits and measured how far they could fly, and we also made little paper bluetit birds for the Garden Birdwatch

weekend. We made origami frogs and played a game called 'Fox Frog Flea' which was a bit like 'Rock Paper Scissors', and we also acted out the stages of the life cycle of a butterfly.



For Valentines Day we made Heart Hugs out of card. Another week we had a Stamp Night which earned them their Brownies Collecting badge. Each Brownie came up with a theme or chose a country, and put together a page of stamps. These will be sent off for a national

junior stamp competition. We played a game called 'You've Got Mail' and sang '*I sent a letter to my friend, And on the way I dropped it, One of you must pick it up, And put it in your pocket*'. At home-time everyone got a stamp album and some stamps to take home, kindly donated by Stamp Active (www.stampactive.co.uk) and the Ayrshire Philatelic Society.





Most of the Brownies were able to join a World Thinking Day event held for Girlguiding Ayrshire South in Troon. Coaches were put on to take us all there, and they had a great day with lots of activities on an environment theme including crafts, games, singing, potting seeds, handling mini zoo animals, learning about bees and honey – and meeting lots of other Brownies from all over South Ayrshire.

For Mother's Day or Special Lady Day, the Brownies decorated a teapot card and taped a 'Relaxing' tea bag inside, and they all promised to help make their Special Lady a lovely cup of tea (with supervision pouring the hot water!) They also decorated a glass jar and put a battery tea light inside, and tied on a label saying 'You Light Up My Life'.

As a special treat, one week we had a visit to Ayr Fire Station! The girls were very excited about this. The Brownies had a chance to sit inside the fire engine, and the fire fighters put the flashing lights on for them. Then we had a good look around the engines and were shown all the tools and firefighting equipment that is cleverly stored on pull-out shelves – it's amazing what they have! The Brownies had a go at holding the heavy metal cutters – they could only just about lift them! We also found out that the Fire Department has a rescue boat as well as other vans and vehicles besides fire engines.

We were shown a very well equipped gym for the fire fighters to stay strong, fit and healthy; we saw their meeting room, a computer room, and even a library. Next we went into the canteen area where the fire fighters take it in turns to cook for all the others! We saw a recreation room with a snooker table and table tennis and board games and other activities, and then we were shown the

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dormitories which had cubicles for each fire fighter. There was another separate dormitory, and they told us that was for the snorers!

We saw the top of the fireman's pole, and the fire fighters came sliding down.

After that we went outside, and the fire fighters brought the fire engines out into the yard and pulled out the hoses, and each Brownie got a turn at holding and turning on the powerful hose and trying to hose a bollard on the other side of the yard – it was great fun! At the end we said a big Brownie Thank You to the brave fire fighting team and gave them a box of chocolate biscuits which they were very pleased with. All the Brownies received a fire safety handout to take home as well as a fire engine badge – and there were even enough badges to give to the fire fighters as well! It was a great adventure.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who help at Brownies, and for the support from everyone at the Church.



We are still looking for Leaders to restart the Rainbows and also Guides, and we have girls waiting to join. A programme is already available, and full training and support will be given.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming a volunteer Rainbow or Guide leader, please get in touch. For more information, contact Brownie leader Lise Whittle at dalmillingbrownies@hotmail.com or District Commissioner Janis Meredith at dcjcentralayr@girlguidingayrshiresouth.org.uk

Saturday 6th May was the date of the Coronation of King Charles III. The Celebration started with a procession from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey. King Charles and Queen Camilla travelled in the Diamond Jubilee State Coach escorted by mounted police and members of the armed forces.

Within the Abbey more than 2,200 of the great and good had arrived to witness this momentous occasion. These included members of the Royal Family, Political Leaders, Faith Leaders and representatives from some Commonwealth countries. Also present were famous faces from music, film and TV, charity representatives and local heroes.

The ceremony began at 11am and was presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. During the ceremony the King moved to the Coronation Chair also known as St. Edward's Chair. The chair was made somewhere between 1297 and 1300 by the order of King Edward I and was designed to enclose the Stone of Destiny, which had been taken from near Scone in Scotland. Previously the stone had been encased within the seat of a royal coronation chair at Scone. At this point screens were erected round the chair for the sacred anointing of the King with oil.

After the anointing the King was then presented with the Sovereign's Orb, Coronation Ring, Sovereign's Sceptre with Cross and Sovereign's Sceptre with Dove. Then at 12:01pm the Archbishop placed St. Edward's crown on the King's head and the Abbey bells rang for two minutes, trumpets sounded and gun salutes were fired.

The King then moved to his throne and took homage from the Prince of Wales. Traditionally this would have been done by a

succession of royals and peers but this was a slimmed down Coronation. The Archbishop then invited those in attendance and people listening or watching at home to pledge allegiance by saying the words: "I swear that I will pay true allegiance to your Majesty, and to your heirs and successors according to law. So help me God."

Queen Camilla then had Queen Mary's crown placed on her head and was also enthroned.

The service concluded with the King and Queen taking Holy Communion.

Before departing the King and Queen entered St. Edward's Chapel behind the altar and St. Edward's Crown which is reserved only for coronations was replaced with the Imperial State Crown.

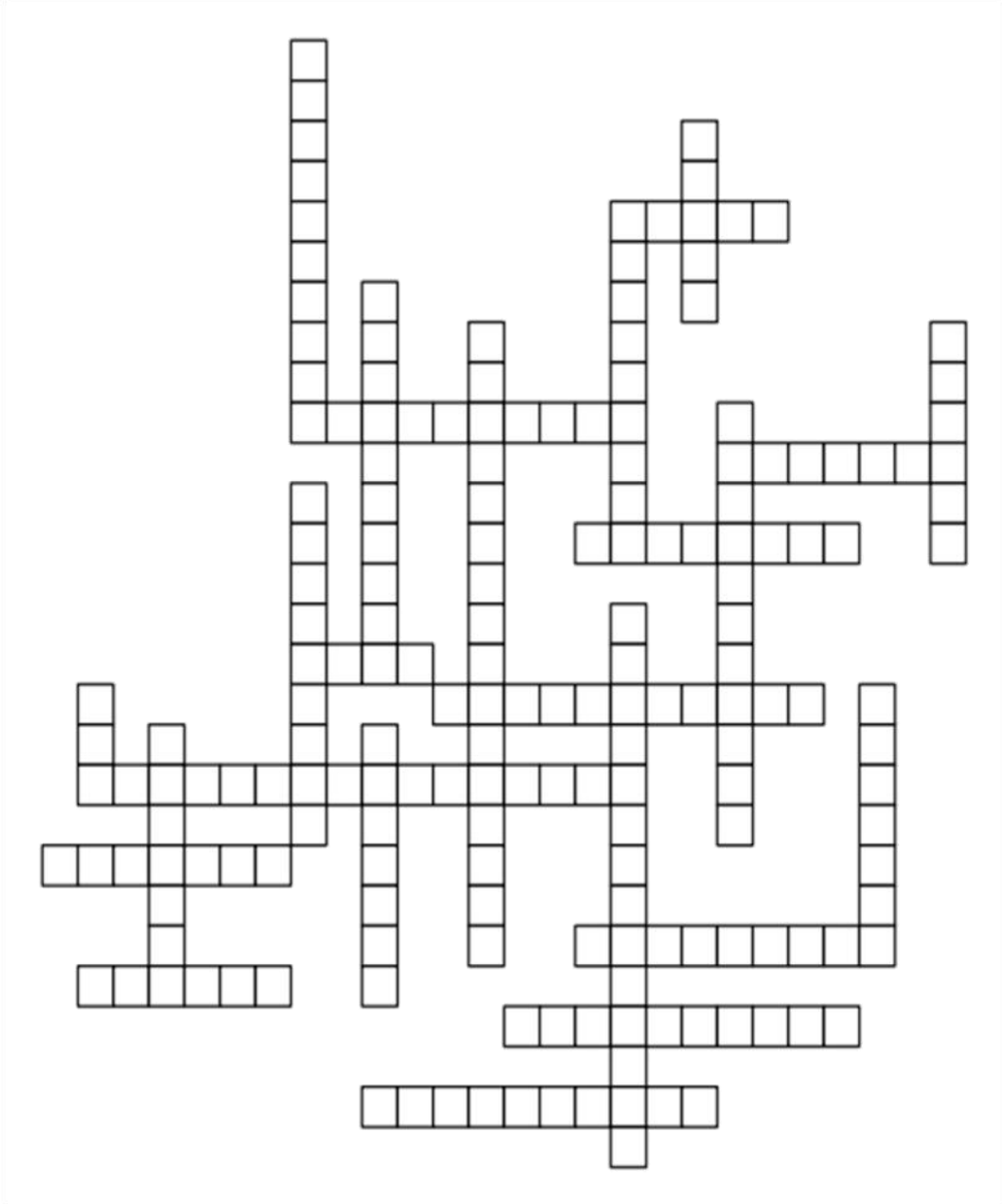
The King and Queen then travelled back to Buckingham Palace in the 1762 Gold State Coach. The Princess Royal joined other Colonels-in-Chief riding behind the coach. The Prince and Princess of Wales and their three children followed behind in a second coach with other royals following in a further two carriages.

The King and Queen on arrival back at Buckingham Palace received a Royal Salute from the military personnel who had been on parade. At 2:30pm the Royal Party gathered on the balcony to acknowledge and greet the crowds and watch the fly past. Unfortunately due to poor weather conditions this had been drastically scaled back and only helicopters and the Red Arrows were able to fly over.

Elizabeth Brechany

Thousands of people braved the rain and lined the streets to watch the procession on its way to Westminster Abbey.





3 Letters	7 Letters	9 Letters	11 Letters
Orb	Balcony	Communion	Acknowledge
	Camilla	Red Arrows	Helicopters
4 Letters	Charles	Sovereign	
Ring	Fly Past		14 Letters
	Sceptre	10 Letters	Stone of Destiny
5 Letters		Allegiance	
Crowd	8 Letters	Archbishop	16 Letters
Crown	Anointed	Canterbury	Buckingham Palace
		Coronation	Westminster Abbey
6 Letters		Procession	
Homage			
Pledge			

The Apostle’s Creed—Our Pledge—Statement of Belief

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell.

"The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

"I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of Sins; the Resurrection of the Body; and the Life Everlasting."

Saturday 6th May.

Many thanks to the ladies of 'Vics in the Community' for laying on this Afternoon Tea in the church at Dalmilling.

We were treated to delicious sausage rolls, sandwiches and a variety of cakes with our tea. It was very welcome and enjoyed by all.

The children who were present enjoyed some arts and crafts making crowns and decorating these with jewels.

Whilst we were having Afternoon Tea there were also further events going on at the Domain Youth Centre and Vics Pavilion.

The Coronation Fun Day at the Pavilion had representatives from Sport and Leisure South Ayrshire, Glitter Tattoos, and The Iris Ayr filming and doing a silent disco. There was also a kids football tourney. A busy day for all those involved.

Elizabeth



Ayr County Show All Creatures Great and Small

I started going to the “Cattle Show” as a child when the firm my father worked for, the Scotmec, had a stand. When my niece and nephew were old enough I then took them. At that time we went in via the Eglinton Stand where there was an area dedicated to small animals such as guinea pigs, rabbits, chickens etc. In those days it was a 3 day event. Nowadays it runs only on a Saturday.

This year I took my great niece Jem. First stop of course was the Kids Zone. We quickly walked past the show jumping, stopped to look at soft toys and got to our first queue—the Bungee Trampoline. Then she went into a large bubble and was pushed into an inflatable pool. Time to see some animals.



So next was the Kids Marquee where there was face painting and badge making. There were also sheep, alpaca, hens, chicks and piglets. I queued for ice cream whilst Jem took photos. After this we headed to the tent with cows, calves and bulls.

The highlight of the day for Jem and lots of other children however were the ‘Great Creatures’ a Dinosaur talk / show. It was worth the 20 minute wait to see it.



A great day out apart from me getting sunburnt! *Elizabeth Brechany*

If you have been attending church, you will notice that flowers are once more decorating both the sanctuaries. After the service, these flowers are given to people who are ill, been in hospital, are housebound, or have been bereaved. They are sometimes given to celebrate good news or birthdays.

If you would like to commemorate a special date by donating flowers, speak to Rosemary if the date falls on a day we worship at Auchincruive, or Pat if it is Dalmilling.



I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new,
 I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.
 I think of you in silence, I often speak your name.
 All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.
 Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part.
 God has you in His keeping; I have you in my heart.

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Funerals

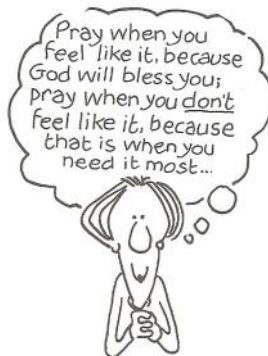
17th March Sarah McKie, 19 Mainholm Road

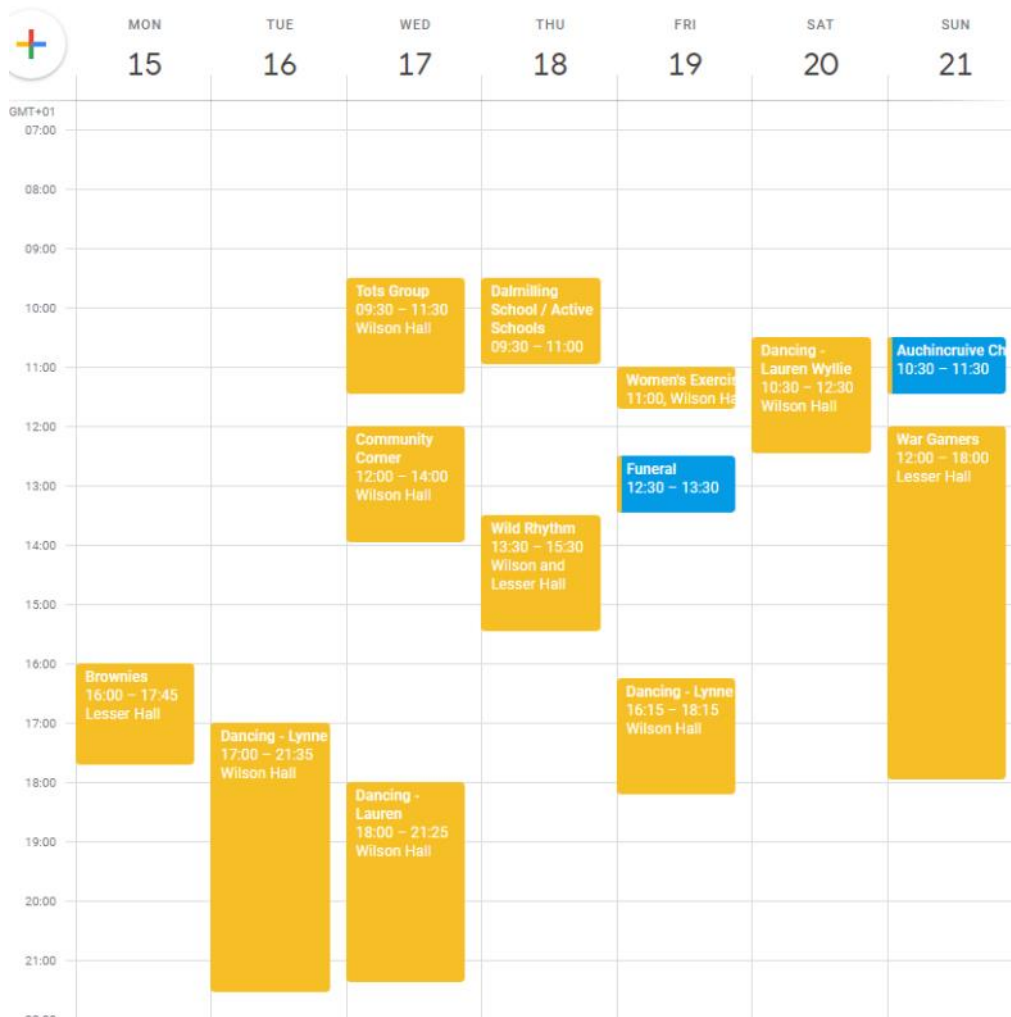
21st March John Sweden, Temple House Care Home

4th April Molly Blackwood, 2 BrickRow, Auchincruive

12th April Matt Cowan, 209 Adamton Road South

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.”*





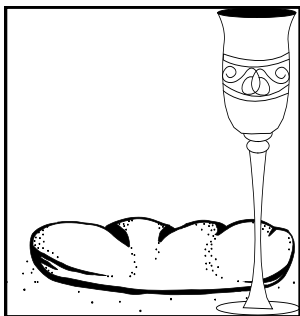
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SUNDAY 4th JUNE 2023
At Auchincruive Church



Do this in remembrance of me.
Luke 22:19

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