



**AYR:ST QUIVOX
PARISH CHURCH**

MARCH 2021

COMMUNION—Sun 7th March

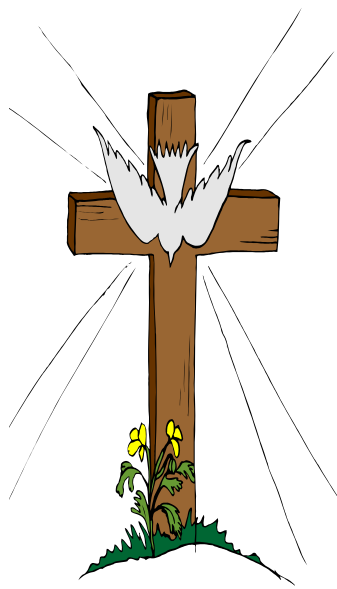
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**Auchincruive or Dalmilling
Alternate Weeks at 10:30a.m.**

**or Online whilst in Lockdown
Check website for updates**

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Welcome everyone, to our first church magazine of 2021. Unfortunately, as you can see, we are still constrained to putting it out in an online capacity for obvious reasons. We are aware that many of our members don't have access to the internet and are unable to see the magazine, but hopefully it won't be too long before we are able to start sending them out in the traditional paper version again.

It is worth remembering that our magazine traditionally gets sent out to coincide with our services of Communion. And as we think of the year that has past and everything that lies in front of us, it is worth keeping in mind the main reason why we celebrate communion. It's the reminder and celebration that as God's people, God is still with us in everything we go through. It's not the celebration of an ancient story from thousands of years ago; instead it is the promise and assurance that Jesus has given to all His people that His story is our story because in the midst of everything, we have been given the promise that "I will never leave you nor forsake you," and because His body was broken for us He knows how we feel when everything starts becoming too much for us.

As we enter into Spring, it is always the reminder once again, that change is coming. The dark nights and cold days will soon disappear and be replaced by light nights and days that aren't quite as cold. A sign that whilst many things seem to be never ending, the seasons keep coming and going regardless.

Many of the major things that we still have to face up to as a church, are still waiting to be dealt with. That can be said for the Church at a national level as well. I suspect that when we come through the Coronavirus, and let us never lose sight of that fact that we will come through it, that everyone will be having to take stock of everything, before we can make definitive plans for moving forward. However, you can be assured that when anything transpires we will let you know.



One of the things that I am hopefully going to see this year, is a wedding in Dalmilling Church. We had one in Auchincruive last year, and these life events are the reminder of the hope, joy and love that so many of us want to see re-established in our lives and in society at large.

May that be our Mission this year and every year to be a people and a church whose primary goal is sharing the Good News that there is still enough hope, joy and love in the world for us all.

As always, if anyone needs any kind of pastoral assistance please feel free to get in touch.

Rev John McCutcheon



**MARCH 2021**

The 2020 Annual Accounts and 2021 Budget should be presented to the Kirk Session this month for approval and sign-off and subsequently passed to the Independent Examiner for their Report.

Last year was a very difficult year for everyone due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and the resultant government restrictions on social gatherings which greatly affected the normal life of the church. The restrictions meant that Sunday worship was suspended and our buildings were closed for months. All our various planned social and fundraising events were cancelled and the rental income from our premises was significantly reduced. As a result of this the 2020 Accounts show a net loss of £5250 after extraordinary income from Grants and central funds.

During 2020 the church's income from weekly donations under the Freewill Offering Scheme decreased by 9%, with a small decrease in the number of people in the scheme. The tax recovery under Gift Aid decreased by 15%. Overall, our expenditure equates to about £8 per week per member, whereas, income is about £5 per week per member. Over the past few years the difference has been met by rental income from the use of church premises. As indicated above, 2020 saw us move from a balanced income and expenditure to a shortfall which has been met from reserves. The Budget for 2021 has been based on the actual costs and income for 2020 and shows a projected shortfall in income of at least £16,000. As the effects of the pandemic continue to affect the life and work of the church these are, indeed, difficult times and it is hard to predict how 2021 will actually



unfold.

The Elders are very aware of the support that members and congregants have given to the church over the years both in practical terms and in their financial support of the life and work of the church in this parish. What the Elders would ask everyone to do is to consider before God the level of their own appropriate financial support for God's work in this place. If you are able to increase your giving that would be gratefully received. If this is beyond you at this time, then the Elders continue to be thankful for your ongoing level of support.

The Elders, as Trustees for the church, will continue to monitor the financial health of the church. Equally importantly, the Elders will continue their work in the parish community through pastoral care, on-line church services and, when permitted to do so, church services in our buildings, as well as through the church's website

www.ayrstquivox.com .



Join by Zoom



Can I remind everyone that our monthly prayer meeting which we have with St. James and Newton Wallacetown, has recommenced. It is held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6.30 pm. Currently it is a Zoom meeting. If you want details of how to join these meetings please feel free to get in touch with either myself or our Community worker Paul Algeo (palgeo@churchofscotland.org.uk)

If the current lock down restrictions continue until Easter, or if we come out of lock down but we find ourselves in Level 4 and the church is still shut, it is our intention to have two Zoom services: one on Good Friday and the other on Easter Sunday. While it's not ideal and we acknowledge that many will be unable to participate, it is still an opportunity for members of the church to meet together for perhaps the first time as a church community since the week before Christmas. And there is no better way to meet than by celebrating what is ultimately the main reason why we come to Church. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Further information will be made available on our web page and Facebook page.

John

Website: www.ayrstquivox.com



Facebook: Search for Ayr St Quivox Parish Church

For information on Events being planned





At the beginning of March each year people of all denominations gather in groups or congregations to unite in worship and prayer. The service, chosen by the World Day of Prayer committee, is written by women from different countries every year.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 5th March 2021

‘Build on a strong foundation’

Written by Christian women of Vanuatu

All Welcome!

‘Lord teach us to pray’

This year we pray with women of Vanuatu for

- * Their everyday struggle with food production
- * With caring for their environment
- * And the education of their children
- * For peace in their Nation
- * That all may live in unity, in love and peace

With churches closed during lockdown let us all pray individually for the women of Vanuatu. For more information go to:

www.wdpscotland.org.uk



**CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION
OF OUR LORD**

**Ayr: St Quivox Parish Church
Easter Services**

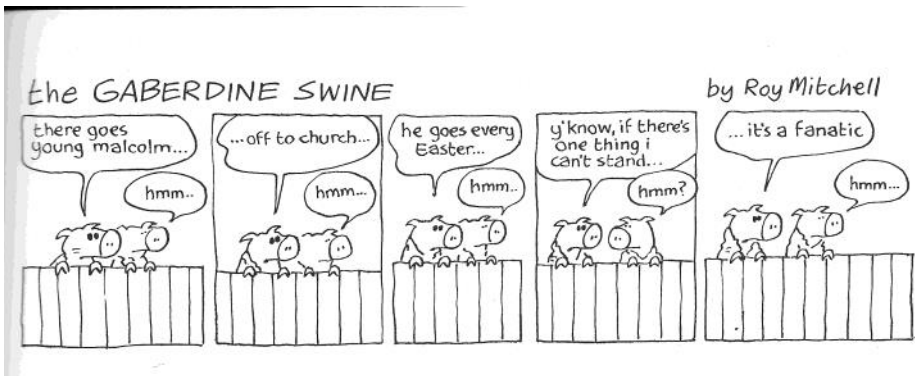
Lock down permitting

Good Friday 2nd April

Service will be held in Auchincruive Church at 7pm

Easter Sunday 4th April, 2021.

Service will be held in Dalmilling Church at 10:30am.



From Palm Tree Cartoons for The Church Magazine



Easter 2014 at Auchincruive



Easter Day 2017 at Dalmilling



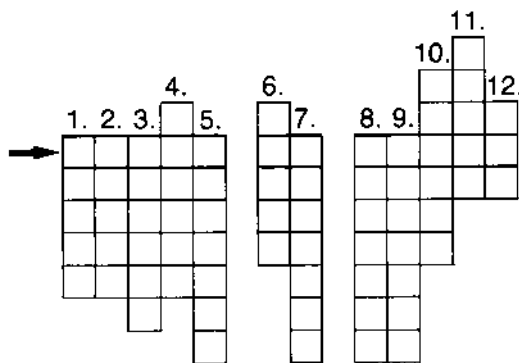
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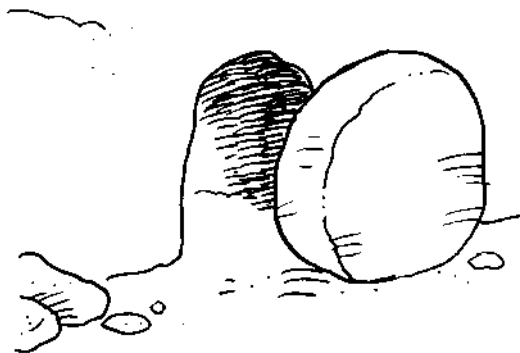
GOOD NEWS



Solve the clues **DOWN** and you will find a secret message which seems impossible — but it is true!



1. One Mary was the mother of ----- . (*verse 1*)
2. What time of day was it? (*verse 2*)
3. What had the women brought? (*verse 1*)
4. Which day of the week was it? (*verse 2*)
5. What day was just over? (*verse 1*)
6. Which side was the angel? (*verse 5*)
7. What was he doing? (*verse 5*)
8. How did the women feel? (*verse 5*)
9. He said, 'I know you are ----- for Jesus.' (*verse 6*)
10. 'He is not here — he has been -----!' (*verse 6*)
11. Then the women knew Jesus was not dead but ----- .
12. The angel said they would --- Jesus in Galilee. (*verse 7*)





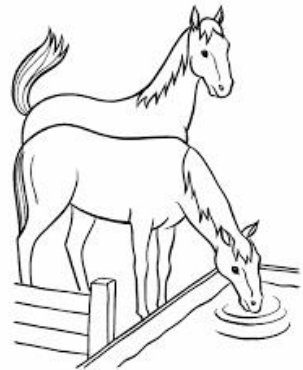
Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse. But if you get a closer look you will notice something quite interesting...

One of the horses is blind.

His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made him a safe and comfortable barn to live in. This alone is pretty amazing. But if you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. It is coming from a smaller horse in the field. Attached to the horse's halter is a small, copper-coloured bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow.

As you stand and watch these two friends you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting he will not be led astray. When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, he will stop occasionally to look back, making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect. Or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes we are the blind horse, being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. And at other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way.



Author unknown



It's good to talk, once the slogan of a BT advert, and nowadays used to promote our mental health and wellbeing. There has never been a time when this has been more important. With social restrictions, isolation and anxiety over the coronavirus pandemic we can all be in need of someone to talk to.

So what can we do? Well if someone calls we can listen. It's very easy to go down the route of; have you seen this film or that series and it's a good way to start chatting but often we leave the important things unsaid. How are you today? Are the family OK? Are you getting out, (obviously only for shopping or exercise these days)?

Of course there are other ways to communicate. We can use Zoom or Messenger or WhatsApp for video calls. We can use social media to send or post messages, photos and videos. We can email if that is our preferred method of contact. Or if you want to be sneaky get the kids to write a letter to grandparents using pen and paper and put in the post box.

We can also engage with others when out walking or shopping. A smile, (even whilst wearing a facemask), or a nod is sufficient to acknowledge someone else's presence and perhaps brighten their day.

So, who have you talked to today?

Elizabeth Brechany



From Palm Tree Cartoons and Clipart for The Church Magazine



Tuesday 16th February

Shrove Tuesday also known as Pancake Day is a feast day before the start of Lent



Wednesday 17th February

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent which is a time for reflection and preparation in the lead up to Easter. Whilst fasting for the whole of lent is now less common, many people will give up things such as alcohol or chocolate for the period.

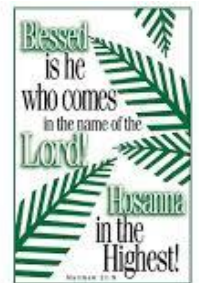
Sunday 14th March 2021

Mothering Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent, usually landing it sometime in March. Traditionally, it is a day on which people visit the church they were baptised in and on which they honour their mother. Obviously nowadays it is a far more commercialised enterprise.



Sunday 28th March

Palm Sunday and start of Holy Week. Day of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As he rode past the people waved palm branches as a mark of respect, They also sang out Hosanna to praise him.



Friday 2nd April

Good Friday is a Christian festival commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.

Sunday 4th April

Easter day when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.



To mark the start of Lent, on Wednesday 17 February, Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, is launching a photo competition – ‘Hidden in Plain Sight’ – with both children and adults alike invited to send in their photographs showing the Cross in our everyday surroundings. The winner in each category will be awarded a gift to the charity of their choice.

Dr Fair, who has spent his year as Moderator reaching out to congregations and churches online due to the Covid-19 pandemic, is keen to show that the Cross is an ever-present support in our lives, particularly during difficult times such as these.

“As we head towards Easter, the Cross will come ever more into view - the central symbol of the Christian faith,” Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair said.

“Generally speaking, we find Crosses set within church buildings or worn as jewellery. But, when we open our eyes to the possibility, we can begin to see images of the Cross all around us - in both nature and the built environment.

“Your challenge, should you choose to accept it: find a Cross that is ‘hidden in plain sight’ and using your camera, or your phone, take a photograph of it.

“Perhaps it will be two branches on a tree which form a Cross shape. Perhaps you’ll see a Cross in a section of wrought-iron fencing. Maybe you’ll see it in a set of road markings or in a random piece of graffiti?”

“The only limit is your imagination. Open your eyes and you’ll see that the Cross is all around you.”

To submit your entry for the photography competition, please email MediaRelations@churchofscotland.org.uk, attaching your



photograph(s) as well as your name and which category you are in:

1. Primary school age
2. Secondary school age
3. 18+



The rules are very simple:

- The photograph must be one that you've taken yourself.
- You must take the photograph within your own community and must observe all Covid-related restrictions when doing so.
- Each entrant can submit up to three photographs.
- Images can be taken either on cameras or smartphones and must be submitted by email. Please note, we unfortunately are unable to accept photographs submitted via post at this time.

The competition will run for one month - from Wednesday 17 February (the start of Lent) until Wednesday 17 March. All submissions must be received by the closing date.

All entries will be featured [in a special photo gallery on the website.](#)

The Moderator will head a judging panel and the winners in each category will be announced in the lead up to Easter Sunday, with a gift to the charity of the winner's choice being awarded in each category.

The winning entries will be displayed across the Church of Scotland's social media channels on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, [and in a special photo gallery on the website.](#)

Let the fun begin. Get snapping!



An inspiring story: Turning PPE into Mattresses

An Indian Fashion Designer had a brilliant idea. Lakshmi Menon heard that the Covid wards in Kerala couldn't source enough mattresses as they had to be incinerated every time a patient was discharged.

She decided to turn the offcuts from PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) into mattresses and give employment to local women at the same time addressing her big three: waste management, job creation and being 'vocal for local.'

India is the world's second biggest manufacturer, its textile industry producing 4.5 million pieces of PPE a day, so there is plenty of waste to be used.



Lakshmi now employs nineteen women, who plait the long offcuts into 35metre lengths. Each length is zigzagged on a board, into a mattress shape 2ft 6 inches wide by 6 ft long, and held in shape by other offcuts woven along the length. This is done entirely by hand



without using any needles. The mattresses can also be washed two or three times. The only skill needed is the ability to plait.

The mattresses cost 300 rupees each (£3) compared to 700 rupees (£7) for the original ones. This covers the women's wages.

These shayya (Sanskrit for mattress) are being used across Kerala and are now also being provided to homeless shelters and rough sleepers. The United Nations has added it to the list of innovative ideas that can be easily replicated.



Submitted by Eileen Williams

HAVE YOU BEEN VACCINATED YET?

If you have, remember we still have to keep to current regulations and restrictions. By the time you read this magazine we hope that schools will have P1-3 back in class as a first measure to begin easing restrictions. Till advised otherwise:

Stay at Home



Brownies



by 1st Dalmilling Brownies Brown Owl Lise Whittle

Brownies have continued with weekly email activities and online meetings.



Just before Christmas we had our online Zoom Christmas

Party, and we were really pleased that John was able to join us as well.

We started off by singing 'Away In A Manger', and then we made an origami Christmas star. After that Little Owl Lara held

up a picture of Santa and Rudolph on screen, and told the Brownies that they had 3 minutes to go and find props around the house to recreate the picture including putting something red on themselves for



Santa, something to sit on to be Santa's sleigh, and something to be the reindeer – it was very funny, especially when one Brownie tried to tie her reluctant dog in front of her chair! We had a Christmas True or False game, a Christmas Memory game (like Bruce Forsyth's 'The Generation Game') and John gave the children a real treat with a puppet show which they thoroughly enjoyed.



The girls enjoyed another online event when Girlguiding hosted a virtual pantomime, and then Girlguiding Ayrshire South had a special live video on Facebook with Uncle Billy performing a magic show for the girls, and a special message from Santa at the end.

We celebrated New Year by emailing the Brownies a New Year's Resolutions card. We email activities to the girls each week that they can do at home, including making miniature works of art from food using Lego characters, and looking at shapes and patterns in trees



and photographing them. We're working towards a new badge called *Skills For My Future*, and we learnt about an ancient Greek man called Archimedes who invented the first lift thousands of years ago, then we had a go at making our own working lifts using a cardboard

shoebox, straws and string!



We've been learning about Dinosaur facts, including the Argentinosaurus which was the size of a public swimming pool!



Another time we looked at winter ice art – making beautiful fruit, leaf and berry picture patterns in a dish with a string loop, and then pouring on water and leaving them outside on a frosty night to hang up in the morning.

The Brownies joined Joe Wicks Keep Fit videos on YouTube – they particularly liked it when he had a quiz at the same time, or had fancy dress days!

We took part in the Big Garden Birdwatch recording birds in our gardens or window sills for one hour. Little Owl found some online bird themed exercises for the Brownies to try, We showed the Brownies ideas for making bird biscuits for themselves, and a bird feeder for the birds!

We celebrated Burns Night with lots of craft ideas, colour-in bunting, and instructions of how to make delicious mashed potatoes for their Burns Suppers at home. Barn Owl organised a Burns Quiz, and we looked at Robert Burns on stamps.

Another time we found out about Kyaraben which is the Japanese art of making food look like cartoon people and animals. We finished

'*The Dolls' House*' story, about the little wooden peg doll called Tottie and her family, and what happened when a new nasty doll came along!



The Brownies enjoyed a Valentines Zoom Party, and after a Pow-wow chat and singing our Brownies songs, we found out all about St. Valentine, and then had a Valentine's true or False Quiz where the girls held up a sign for the answer. We played lots of games including a 'Higher or Lower' game (such as 'is the cost of a banana higher or lower than a tube of toothpaste?') with the Brownies shouting and jumping as high or as low as they could for the answers. We also played Barn Owl Karen's Valentine Scavenger Hunt where the Brownies were given 2 minutes to find something red, something beginning with the letter V, and someone they love! And we played Little Owl Lara's Valentine Pictionary game where they had to draw things in 10 seconds such as a rose, cupid, a box of chocolates and a big hug! Finally we had a game of Valentine Bingo. Everyone had fun and enjoyed seeing each other on screen.

We have two extra Girlguiding events coming up to look forward to. Girlguiding Scotland are hosting a World Thinking Day on the Girlguiding Facebook page which this year will all take place online and will include games, crafts, and singing as well as the opportunity to renew our Promise with Scottish Chief Commissioner, Moira McKenna. A Thinking Day activity pack will be emailed out to all Girlguiding members in Ayrshire South.

And secondly our Brownies are looking forward to another Virtual Sleepover when we will meet up on Zoom for fun, games, crafts, stories, chat, singing and Winter sleeping-den making (indoors!), and meet up again the following morning on Zoom to see how everyone got on. And there will be badges posted out of course! We'll let you know how we get on!



We look forward to getting back to our regular meetings when it is safe to do so. If you know of any young girls aged between 5-10 who might like to join Rainbows or Brownies, or even just to receive the free Brownies weekly activity emails, please ask their families to get in touch. dalmillingbrownies@hotmail.com

(We are very grateful for a generous donation to the Brownies funds from Asda. Pictured is Barn Owl Karen from Asda with donated goods, in front of her Wall of Hope pictures, including the Brownies picture.)



NAMING GAME

Here's a game the Brownies play at home that you might like to try – you can play with your family or on your own. Decide on how many answers you must give for each category – we suggest for a child they must think of one or two answers, and an adult must think of four! No repetitions allowed!

Name Something you'd find on a farm / a flower / a novel / something in a sweet shop / a famous building in Europe / something you would do at the beach / something you would take to the beach / a language / a means of travelling / something to drink / a politician / a marine animal / a type of fruit / a team sport / a currency / a famous mountain / a green vegetable / an American president / an electrical appliance / the name of a film / a place to visit in Scotland / an African animal / a famous ship.

You can make up more of your own categories if you like.

**FUNERALS**

- 14th December 2020 Tommy Lewis , 29 Thorneyflat Street, Ayr
- 22nd December 2020 Jenny Ewart, Glenfairn House Care Home, Ayr
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- 27th January 2021 Jim Sinclair, Claremont Care Home, Ayr
- 4th February, 2021 Elizabeth 'Liz' Gilmour, 1 Thomson Street, Ayr
- 5th February 2021 Catriona Boyle, 20 Oswald Place, Ayr
- 11th February, 2021 Elizabeth 'Lisa' Lee, 1 Gemmell Court, Ayr

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."*

Anne Houston wishes to thank you for your thoughts, prayers and condolences following the death of her dear husband Tom at the end of November.





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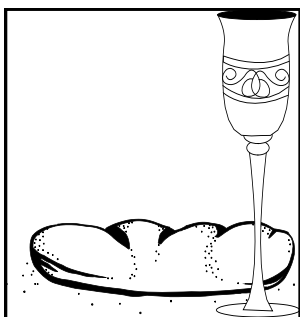


We Invite You

To join us for COMMUNION

SUNDAY 7th MARCH 2021

At www.ayrstquivox.com



Do this in remembrance of me.

Luke 22:19

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All items should be submitted to Elizabeth Brechany

by Sunday 9th May 2021

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