



Ayr:St Quivox Parish Church



MARCH 2024

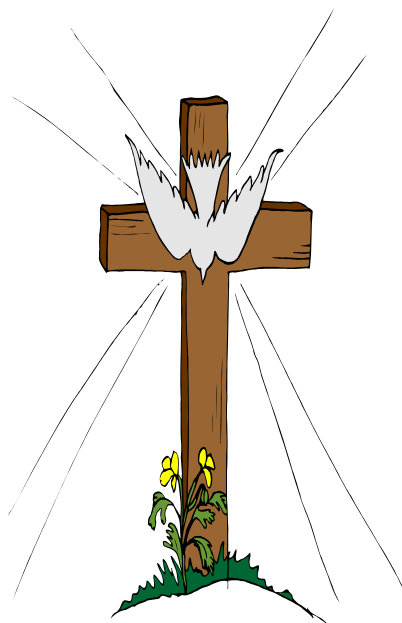
SUNDAY SERVICES
Alternate between
Auchincruive and Dalmilling

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Ayr:St. Quivox Parish Church

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It used to be that at the start of a New Year, we would make New Year's resolutions that would vary from cutting down on sweet food or exercising more, or for the more spiritual, it could be as simple as spending more time reading the Bible.

Given, that I've not heard anyone talking about making resolutions I wonder if this is something that is still done?

Which leads to the question, are there other things in our lives that we are not doing that we used to do? For example, where will coming to church and reading our Bibles fit into our lives this year? Maybe, some of us have lost the passion that we once had for being in the company of those we considered to be our friends. Maybe some have lost the zeal of reading the stories of Jesus and trying to apply his teachings to our lives.

Maybe we look at the world today and it can be hard to equate the God of love with many of the things we see on our TV screens.

However, the New Year is a good time for looking forward, making promises, and trying to bring about changes within us.

I have already got a framework in place for the preaching schedule for 2024, and I'm looking forward to sharing it with everyone. It would be nice to be sharing it with some of us who we haven't seen in a while.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year and if there is anything that I or the church can be doing for you please feel free to get in touch.

John



No sooner have we celebrated the birth of Jesus, than we are now getting ready and preparing ourselves for Easter and His death and resurrection.

There couldn't be greater contrasts in these events and in the way we celebrate them; the events leading up to Easter tend to be more sombre and reflective, and it is probably right that it is so. It is an opportunity for us to pause and take stock and reflect on what the death and resurrection of Jesus means to us. If it is no more than just another event on the calendar, then we have probably lost the point of what being a follower of Jesus and a member of his church means for us.

However, we also replace the solemnity of Holy Week, on Easter Day as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and we acknowledge what the resurrection means for us some 2,000 years after it took place.

It's a reminder to us that the things of this world don't have the final word in our lives, because there is something greater at work.

The same God who brought Jesus back to his disciples is also the same God who is at work wanting to draw his people back to himself.

Easter is the reminder that our mistakes of the past have been forgiven and were nailed upon the cross with Jesus. And that the love of God towards us will always be greater than the love we have for him and each other; but nonetheless his love is there for us day after day; mistake after mistake. And all we have to do is admit our need of it and receive it.

That is the good news of Easter and why it ought to be more than just a date on a calendar.



Communion service

The Joint Communion Service with St James will take place in Dalmilling at 10:30 on 3rd March.

Holy Week Services hosted this year by Ayr:St Quivox Parish Church

Wed-Fri 27th-29th March @ 7pm at church in Dalmilling.

There will be tea and coffee after the services.

Easter 31st March

9am Dalmilling

Short service followed by light breakfast i.e. a cup of tea and a biscuit!!

10.30 Dalmilling - Morning Worship

Prayer for Ukraine

St Quivox will host the monthly service that is now into its second year.

This will be on 30th March at church in Dalmilling at 11 am.

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

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The Significance of the Number 12

It is the number of disciples that were called by Jesus.

According to the bible (the book of Revelation) The New Jerusalem, which is made in heaven and brought to the earth by God himself, contains 12 gates made of pearl.

Solomon appointed 12 officers over Israel.

It is the number of months in a calendar year.

(At the time of writing) It is double the amount of vacant charges advertised on the Church of Scotland's web site. Yes, that's right, there are only 6 vacant charges

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But for us as a church, the number 12 is significant because that was the number of people who turned up for worship on 21st January. Whilst it's not the first time we have had such a low number of people in attendance, it is not something that is sustainable over the longer period.

We greatly appreciate the support of those who are no longer able to be with us on a weekly basis. But perhaps for others, maybe God is giving you a nudge to come back to church once again. If he is, we will be here and glad to see you.

Rev John McCutcheon





We give thanks to God for our Christmas celebration which took place on December 9th. The hall was busy and it was wonderful to see representatives from the Community Corner, Wild Rhythm, Faith Food Fun, and Men Cave/Fit for Life and individuals from the Church.

This really was ‘community’ at its best. Different folks from different groups coming together to share in a meal and celebrate the birth of our wonderful Saviour, Jesus Christ.

THANK YOU to ALL of the volunteers who made our meal possible and to all the other initiatives that you support and deliver. The Church NEEDS YOU.

As a way of thanking our volunteers we enjoyed some refreshments and a meal together. Their hard work and commitment does not go unnoticed and we felt that we should show that by way of this small gesture and so that they could be served by us for a change.

Prayers would be very much appreciated for our work in Dalmilling Primary School. Each Thursday Kirsty and Paul facilitate a Scripture Union group.

The group is well attended and we have positive and meaningful relationships with most who attend. Most of these kids have been involved for the past 18 months – 2 years.

Prayers would be welcomed for those responsible for sharing God’s Word with them. It is only God who can open up their hearts to him and we ask for the wisdom to know how best to communicate with these young ones.

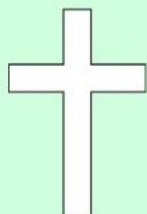


Please also pray for North Ayr TheGither as a project. There are obviously many changes on the horizon re individual Churches, unions and mergers and everything else in between. However, the project requires prayers for wisdom and insight as we seek to work together to 'reach out' in the North Ayr area. There are many needs across the area, but also many good things (and individuals willing to help) already happening.

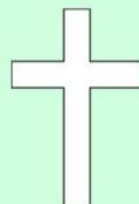
We need unity, vision, and wisdom and man power to achieve the Church of Scotland's mandate of being 'missional' and indeed obeying the Lord Jesus great commission of going into the world and to make disciples.

Paul Algeo





Happy Easter



*Easter celebration @ Dalmling
Church*

Saturday, 9th March @ 12pm

Why not join us?

*We'll have some lovely food and plenty of
refreshments! There'll be Easter themed crafts
for kids (or adults) to enjoy and we will hear
from the Bible about what Easter is really all
about.*



Spaces must be booked!

Send a DM or text 07494264103 to confirm.

Thank you



DARKNESS

WORD MAZE

The Crucifixion. (Matthew 27:32-54)

After Pontius Pilate had condemned Jesus to death, three crosses were set up at a place called Golgotha. The soldiers fixed Jesus to the cross with nails, and on the other crosses were two thieves who jeered at him.

Jesus had been hanging on the cross in the sun all the morning, and at mid-day darkness came over the whole land and lasted for three hours. In the middle of the afternoon Jesus gave a loud cry and died. The earth shook as though there had been an earthquake and the centurion who was guarding Jesus said "Surely this man was the Son of God."

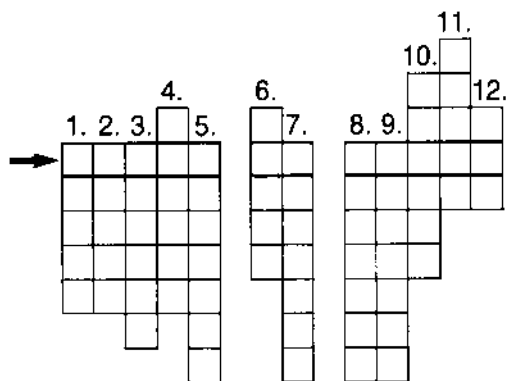
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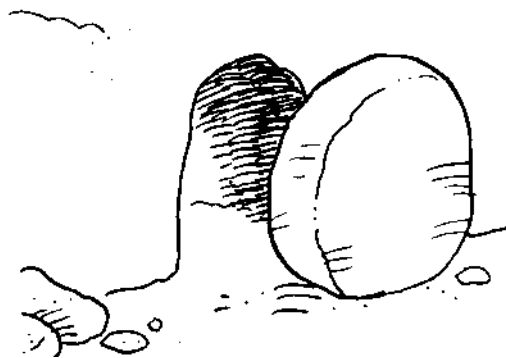
GOOD NEWS



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)



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Brownies



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by Brown Owl Lise Whittle

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For Remembrance last November, 1st Dalmilling Brownies made clay poppies with a soldier's name on it. Some of the Brownies and their families took part in the Church Remembrance Service - Sophie was Flag Bearer, Erin was Wreath Bearer, and Skylar was Escort. The wreath was kindly donated by Asda, and the Brownies laid it on the War Memorial next to the wreath from the Church.





One week we made origami boats, and raced them in a tub of water using boards to fan them!



With Christmas approaching, Argos in Prestwick very generously sponsored the Brownies to make Christmas food hampers for their families. The girls got to choose healthy foods, and had great fun decorating and filling their hampers. Another night we had a

Christmas Movie Night and watched 'Barbie In The Nutcracker' while munching on popcorn and sweets! Unfortunately Reverend John wasn't able to join us for our Christmas party, but we were very pleased that Elizabeth and Allan from the Church were able to come along, and 'Silly Jilly' gave the girls a wonderful Christmas party which included games, dancing and icing gingerbread men. All the Brownies went home with rosy cheeks, smiles on their faces, and a present to put under the tree.





The Brownies started the New Year with a welcome back evening including a Happy New Year Mexican wave, and a pow-wow chat around the toadstool. We are starting a new theme badge called Skills For My Future – *‘Look to the future, and build your skills to become independent and successful in life!’* (taken from the Brownie Badge Book). We started off with a Skill Builder activity called ‘Girls Can Do Anything’ by looking at different objects and thinking about what different jobs you would be doing if you needed to use them – the objects included a toy tiger, a spanner, camera, pot of paint, paper, a bucket, and a laptop. Then we chatted about what sort of things you would have to do if you had those different jobs.

The Brownies also enjoyed decorating Brownie boxes to take home to keep all their Brownie things safely inside. Unfortunately our Burns and Birds night had to be cancelled due to very stormy weather, although we managed to do some of the activities the following week.



Another week everyone enjoyed doing a stamp competition entry with the theme ‘Favourite Things’, which counted towards the Brownie Collecting badge. The Brownies worked very hard and came up with some extremely neat and well laid out stamp competition entries with titles

including ‘Multicoloured Flowers’, ‘Butterfly World’, ‘Colours’, ‘Bright Blue’, ‘Pretty Purple’, ‘Across The World’, ‘Perfect Pink’, ‘Multicoloured Magic’, ‘Counting Up’, ‘My Pink Collection’, ‘The Coolest Life





Of The Rainbow' and 'Animals'. The entries will be sent off to two national junior stamp competitions, fingers crossed we might get some lucky winners! Everyone chose some stamps to take home with them, kindly given to us by 'Stamp Active Kidstamps' - a youth stamp collecting organisation. www.stampactive.co.uk (Please let us know if you would like any stamps and an album for youngsters in your family.)

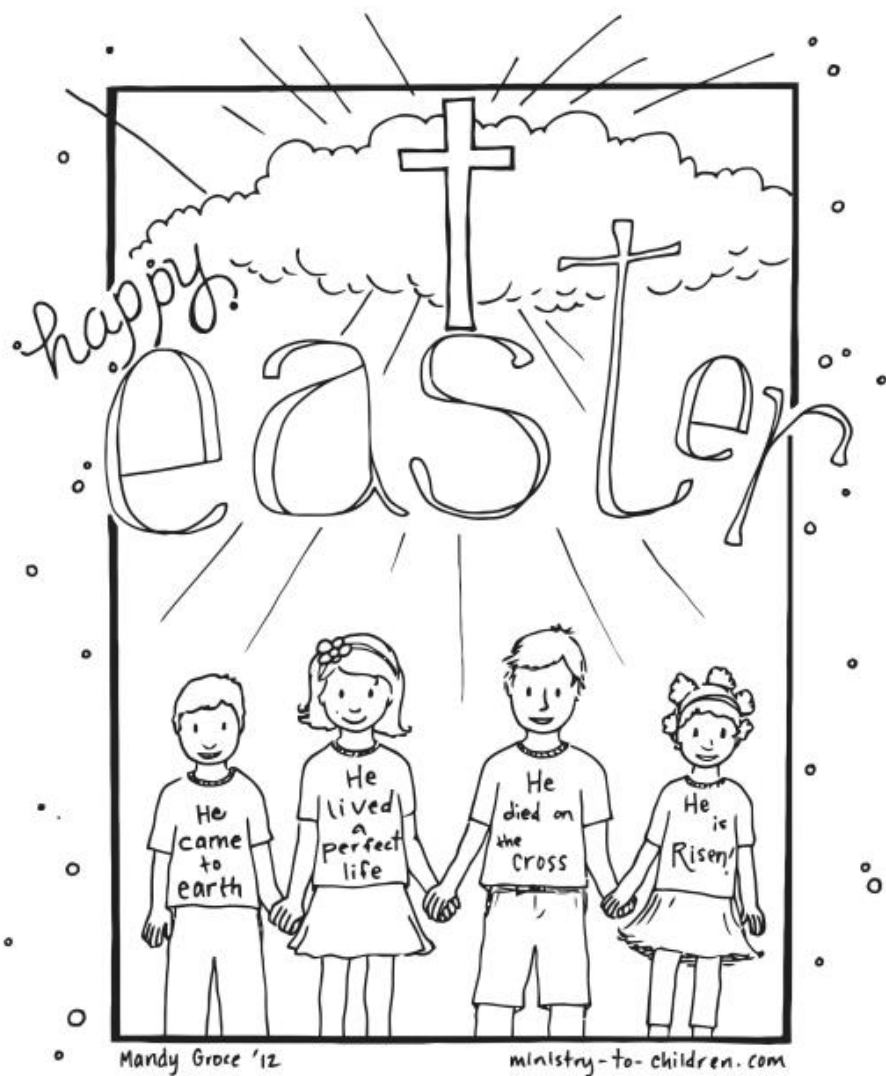
We are also starting another badge this year called the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Unesco Biosphere badge which has lots of activities aimed at finding out more about local heritage and our special local environment.



We are looking forward to a very exciting Brownie Sleepover at Glasgow Science Centre in March. We will be joining and making new friends with many other Brownies from units all over South Ayrshire and Renfrewshire for this fabulous experience.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who help at Girlguiding, and for the support from everyone at the Church. The District is in great need of more volunteer Leaders for Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch dalmillingbrownies@hotmail.com

We are desperately looking for adult Leaders to restart the Rainbows (age 5-7) and also Guides (age 10-14), 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



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the
**SWEET TRUTH
OF EASTER**

These candies tell a story.
The best news you'll ever hear.
It's about Jesus dying on the cross,
so that we could be brought near.

So hold them and turn them and you will see...
the "M" become a "W" an "E" and then a "3"

The "E" stands for Easter:
God's everlasting love and His eternal plan.
It reminds us of the cross
and the way God rescued sinful man

The "3" represent the 3 days Jesus spent in the grave.
By His death, His children He did save.

The "M" reminds us of the mercy the Messiah showed
as He died in our place.
and the miracle of the resurrection
so we can see Him face to face.

The "W" reminds us that He alone
is worthy of our worship and praise
and calls us to be His witnesses
around the world for all of our days.



Teddy Bear Tots

Our mums, grans & tots had great fun celebrating with Scottish crafts and songtime, a wee taster of haggis tatties and neeps, and a game of toss the welly!



Community Corner

The Community Corner enjoyed a delicious Burns supper, a selection of yummy shortbread & Scottish party bingo.





This year Teddy Bear Tots is celebrating their 10th anniversary this year, who would've known that the small group that started back in 2014 would still be running today and more successful than ever. Its been a joy watching our members grow from babies, starting nursery, primary school & even secondary school! We will be marking this with a funday where all the Community will be invited to celebrate with us.







the Parish Priest at St. John's.

NURSERY FUNDRAISER



Up to the top of the dance class with the boys and girls at the nursery fundraiser.



One and done! The boys and girls at the nursery fundraiser.



Michelle and her baby, Luke, with her mother and sister, Sarah, at the nursery fundraiser.

Little boy's birthday party

The young boy's birthday party was a success for the boys and girls at the nursery fundraiser.



The young boy's birthday party at the nursery fundraiser.



Big smiles for the boys and girls at the nursery fundraiser.



It was a great day for the boys and girls at the nursery fundraiser.















We are so excited to be celebrating 10 years of operating our Tots Group.
Join us on Sunday 31st March to celebrate.

All welcome to this free event .

Teddy Bear Tots Ayr

**10TH ANNIVERSARY
FUN DAY**

**FREE
EVENT**

**SUNDAY 31ST MARCH
12PM - 3PM**

Dalmilling Church Ayr

Join us to celebrate 10 years of Teddy Bear Tots
Food, Inflatables, crafts, games, face painting, temporary tattoos, visit
from the Easter Bunny and much more.....



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Funerals

4th Jan Alfred Green, 99 Ferguson Street, Ayr

Aileen Campbell, Braehead Ave.,

23rd Rose Henderson, 16 Cochrane Ave., Dundonald

“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Revelations 21:3-4

Flowers in Church

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.





Dates, Times and Location of Services

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3 MAR 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Joint Communion Service Dalmilling	7 APR 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Auchincruive Church Service	16 JUN 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Auchincruive Church Service
10 MAR 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Auchincruive Church Service	14 APR 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Dalmilling Church Service	23 JUN 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Dalmilling Church Service
17 MAR 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Dalmilling Church Service	21 APR 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Auchincruive Church Service	30 JUN 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Auchincruive Church Service
24 MAR 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Auchincruive Church Service	28 APR 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Dalmilling Church Service	7 JUL 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Dalmilling Church Service
27 MAR 2024, WED 19:00 – 20:00 Holy Week Service Dalmilling Church and Hall	5 MAY 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Auchincruive Church Service	14 JUL 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Auchincruive Church Service
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30 MAR 2024, SAT 11:00 – 12:00 Prayer Service for Ukraine Dalmilling Church	26 MAY 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Dalmilling Church Service	4 AUG 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Dalmilling Church Service
31 MAR 2024, SUN 9am Short Service then Tea 10:30 – 11:30 Dalmilling Church Service	2 JUN 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Communion Service Auchincruive	11 AUG 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Auchincruive Church Service
	9 JUN 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Dalmilling Church Service	18 AUG 2024, SUN 10:30 – 11:30 Dalmilling Church Service

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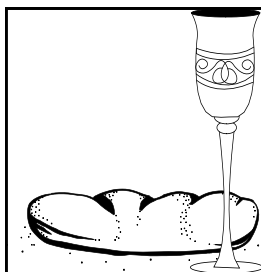


We Invite You

To join us for a Joint Communion Service
with St James Church

SUNDAY 3rd March 2024

At Dalmilling Church at 10:30am



Do this in remembrance of me.

Luke 22:19

Next issue of Church Magazine

All items should be submitted to Elizabeth Brechany

by Sunday 5th May 2024

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