



Ayr:St Quivox Parish Church

September 2020



SUNDAY SERVICES - SUSPENDED AT PRESENT

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The last magazine that we put out was an e-one and I had hoped that it would be a one-off, a collectors item of sorts!! Unfortunately, as we are all well aware the Coronavirus is still with us and forcing us into remodelling the concept of normality. Thus, the magazine is once again being published electronically and I would like to thank Elizabeth for persevering and taking the time to do this, and I would imagine that this might well be the case for the next few magazines as well. Whilst we live in hope for better, brighter times we also can't turn away from the reality of everything around us and the words of the scientific and medical experts.

The Church as we all know is no different from everywhere else at these times, and whilst the last 5 or 6 months have seen us having to adapt to the reality of life, I am proud of the way that our behind the scenes team have flung themselves into roles that they didn't know that much about and have produced our online services on a weekly basis over the period of lockdown. I know from having spoken to many that it has been appreciated, although I also acknowledge that many of our congregation don't have internet access and haven't been able to enjoy being part of our online community.

That said, all being well, we intend to restart our services again on Sunday 13th September, subject to Kirk Session's approval. We have carried out the necessary assessments and filled in the required forms and been given the green light by Presbytery to open our buildings for worship once again, as long as we follow the guidelines and laws as laid down to us by the Scottish Government and the Church nationally.





It won't be Church as we knew it, but at least it will give us the opportunity to come together for half an hour or so on Sunday mornings.

I understand that many of you will still be feeling nervous about coming out and coming to church, and I don't want anyone to feel that they are being coerced into coming. That said many of our members have gone to and are going to great lengths to ensure the buildings at Auchincruive and Dalmilling will be as safe as possible for those who do come. However, if you are displaying the symptoms of Covid 19, or you are not feeling well please stay at home and seek medical advice, but be assured that whatever happens as a church family, as a community of God's people we will get through this together.

On that note, since the easing of lockdown it has been great for me to get out and start visiting everyone again and sharing in the stories of joy and feelings of sadness and loneliness. Nobody should feel that they have to go through these things on their own. If you need me at all please get in touch. My contact details are in the magazine.

The Communion service for September will, as it was in June, be celebrated on-line. However, it is planned to have an informal Communion service on October 11th at Dalmilling. The caveat to this being that everyone has to bring their own bread and juice/wine etc;

the reason being that whilst we are allowed to celebrate Communion we are not allowed to serve it to one another as this would be problematic with social distancing and so on.



The Harvest service will still be celebrated on the 4th October. However, it will be more of an acknowledgement of Harvest through our prayers and the hymns we listen to (not singing).



Unfortunately all the meetings that we have had since the end of March have been on-line thus many have been excluded from these meetings. Until times change and we get informed otherwise this will remain the way that the Kirk Session and the various committees will carry out their business. This is the way most of the country are carrying out their affairs just now. Thus for those of us old enough to know about such things, 'Zoom' is not just a song by Fat Larry's Band 1982. (It's there on You Tube if you don't believe me ☺), it is also a way of life now, and will be for the foreseeable future.

Stay safe and take care,

John

We Missed You





Sadly, I've had to end the weekly Sewing Corner classes. It would have been impossible to carry on with all the hygiene requirements of the Covid situation - I would have had to wipe down all the kit before and after and no-one could have shared all the scissors and other kit, or had the fun of rummaging through the fabric! As well as that, it would be so difficult to teach a practical skill from even a one metre distance. So, by the time the magazine is published, I will have sold off all the kit to the ladies who have been so faithful in attending the Sewing Corner and the moneys raised will have been transferred to North Ayr TheGither, of which the Sewing Corner was part. You might be interested to know that The Sewing Corner ran for four years, and in that time over eighty people came to it - some for just one visit, some for two or three years and the age range was 6 years old to well I'm not saying! But, as one door closes, another opens, so I'm keeping my eyes open for what might be on the other side of that opening door!

Eileen Williams





How the weekly service on www.ayr.stquivox.com gets put together.

I thought it might be interesting to know how the Sunday Service gets put together on the web. It is very much a team approach! On the Tuesday beforehand, Rev John sends me the text of the midweek reflection and the Bible reading and text for the Sunday sermon. These go onto the archived services page and the midweek reflection page that day, and I send out an email to all on my list to say that the midweek reflection is now online.

Knowing what the Bible reading is to be, I now ask someone if they would record themselves reading it and send me the recording (usually by WhatsApp). Over the next couple of days, Rev John sends me his recordings of the Welcome and the Sermon.

In the meantime, Jennifer and Andrew have been recording a hymn tune and putting the words to it, and Andrew sends me the finished article when it is ready. Andrew has been working hard on getting the necessary licences that we need for putting words and music online, as the licences for the church services don't cover that.

By now, it's Friday and I gather all the recordings needed for the Service and transfer them onto an Apple computer application called iMovie. I use this to fit all the individual videos together like a jigsaw. Once they are all lined up, I can then type in titles on top of them which give the links between and introductions to each video. I have been fortunate in having had videos done by our nephew Fraser and our son Owain to add to the music of the service, thus giving Jennifer a bit less to do!

Once all the videos and the wording have been sorted, I then work on the transitions between each video, to give a gentle movement between each, so that it doesn't appear 'jumpy' to the eye. The



overall 'movie' complete, I now upload it to the Ayr:StQuivox YouTube channel - bet you didn't know we had our own You Tube channel! It is a bit different to the usual YouTube channels, in that you can't search for it on the Internet, you have to have been given a link to it, so it is more 'private'. I now wait for the whole 'movie' to upload and be prepared for publication as a YouTube video.

Next I go onto our own website platform 'Weebly' and transfer the YouTube video onto the Sunday Service page, publish the site, and it's ready for you to enjoy on the Sunday. I'm happy to say that no-one sends me anything on the Sunday and Monday, so I get a rest from the screen!!

It has been enjoyable and quite fun to learn how to do all this. David McMahon told me he wanted me to become a Movie Director, but I'm not holding my breath waiting to hear from Hollywood! (Although I think I could quite see myself in a Director's Chair!). I think what gave me the confidence was John's sermon on the 29th April, based on Romans chapter 8 - verse 37 - **'in all (these) things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us'**. I think that has become my all-time favourite bible quotation!

So, I do hope you are enjoying the Services. If you have any suggestion for how they could be improved from an IT perspective, please let me know!

Eileen



**AYR: ST QUIVOX PARISH CHURCHES REOPENING PLAN**

Some members of the congregation have now been trained in current safety guidance for services in Auchincruive and Dalmilling Churches.

Trial services will now be held to iron out any unforeseen issues and the reopening plans will be presented to the Kirk Session on the 8th September 2020.

**If the Kirk Session accepts the plans,
and national guidelines allow,**

**the first Public Service of Worship will be
on Sunday 13th September 2020 at Dalmilling Church,
Whitlets, Ayr**

I will post more information nearer the time.

It is likely that the online services will also continue albeit in a reduced form for those unable to come to the services.

For up to date Church of Scotland advice please visit:

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Summer to Autumn

*It's been a while since the virus came.
And we were asked to stay at home.
Through Spring and Summer we did our best,
we worked from home and home schooled too,
stayed in our gardens and took a daily walk.
And if we showed any symptoms, we took a test.*

*As summer days begin to fade away,
and wind and rain look here to stay
Let's hope, all being well, September brings
A lift on restrictions and return to things
we took for granted, our church and family,
colleagues and friends from whom we've kept apart.*

*So keep on doing what we've done so far.
Keep washing our hands with liquid soap or bar.
Wear a mask when out shopping, or in enclosed spaces.
Dine out occasionally, but avoid crowded places.
It's up to all of us to keep the virus at bay,
Until a vaccine is found it's here to stay.*



Elizabeth Brechany



Brownies



by 1st Dalmilling Brownies Brown Owl Lise Whittle

Since March, all Girlguiding face-to-face activities have been suspended, which meant that our Pack Holiday planned for the end of March was sadly put on hold. This was a great disappointment for everyone as all the plans had been put in place, so we Leaders decided to have a Virtual Brownies Sleepover instead! This would involve using Zoom, which was something completely new to me, but fortunately Little Owl knew how to set it up. On the night, she and the family set up four screens (some people were on Skype as well) and we made a backdrop using our camp blankets, our Brownie flags, our toadstool, and various soft toys.



It was a joint Virtual Sleepover with another Brownies unit - 3rd Alloway Brownies. Altogether 17 Brownies wearing their Brownie uniform joined (along with some of their little brothers and sisters), 5 Owls, our County Commissioner Fiona and our Ayr District Commissioner Janis – and even a new Baby Owlet! Everyone joined the Zoom meeting using a special private password, and their faces all appeared in little boxes on the screens.

We started with welcomes, singing, and a Pow-wow where everyone had a chance to say what they had been doing. Then Tawny Owl showed us her new 2 month old little baby Eilidh, and the Brownies were invited to ask questions (someone asked “Does she like pizza?”!). After that Little Owl explained a game – they were given a



time limit to “Find me something shiny, Find me something blue, Find me something old, Find me something smelly,” and so on! Then we demonstrated a craft for the Brownies to do offline – make a pop-up card for Baby Eilidh. Everyone then left Zoom for an hour so that the girls could have a go at making the craft activity at home, and build themselves a cosy sleeping den to spend the night in. If they finished early, they could make shadow puppets, fill in a colouring sheet and their Sleepover diaries which had been posted to them in advance.

After an hour, we all joined Zoom online again with a mug of hot chocolate and snacks for a campfire sing-a-long including ‘Kookaburra’, ‘Alice The Camel’, ‘She’ll Be Coming Round The Mountain’, ‘You’ve Got A Friend’, and Vera Lynn’s ‘We’ll Meet Again’. Next everyone took part in a Little Red Riding Hood story game – each girl had been given a word from the story and they had to hold it up quickly every time they heard it in the story. It started off slowly but got harder and harder because the story was read faster and faster!



After that, we read them a more relaxing bedtime story (Alice in Wonderland). When that had finished, it was time to close Zoom again and for the girls to snuggle down in their dens with their comfy cushions and cuddly toys for the night.



At 10.00am the following morning, the girls joined Zoom online again with their breakfast for an hour and joined in Tai’Chi. We then asked who had managed to sleep all night in their den or who had sneaked back up to their bed! Only one or two had decided it was more comfy in their own bed! After that we had Barn Owl’s Quiz. Then they took part in a True or False game.



After that everyone repeated our Brownie Promise together, and opened a special envelope which had been posted to them beforehand containing a Certificate for attending the Sleepover, and their Sleepover badges. Then we sang our goodbye songs, before waving goodbye and going offline.

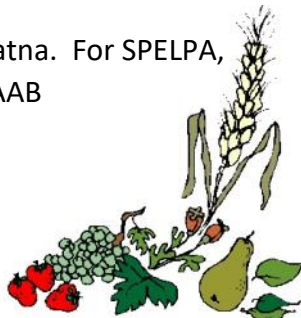


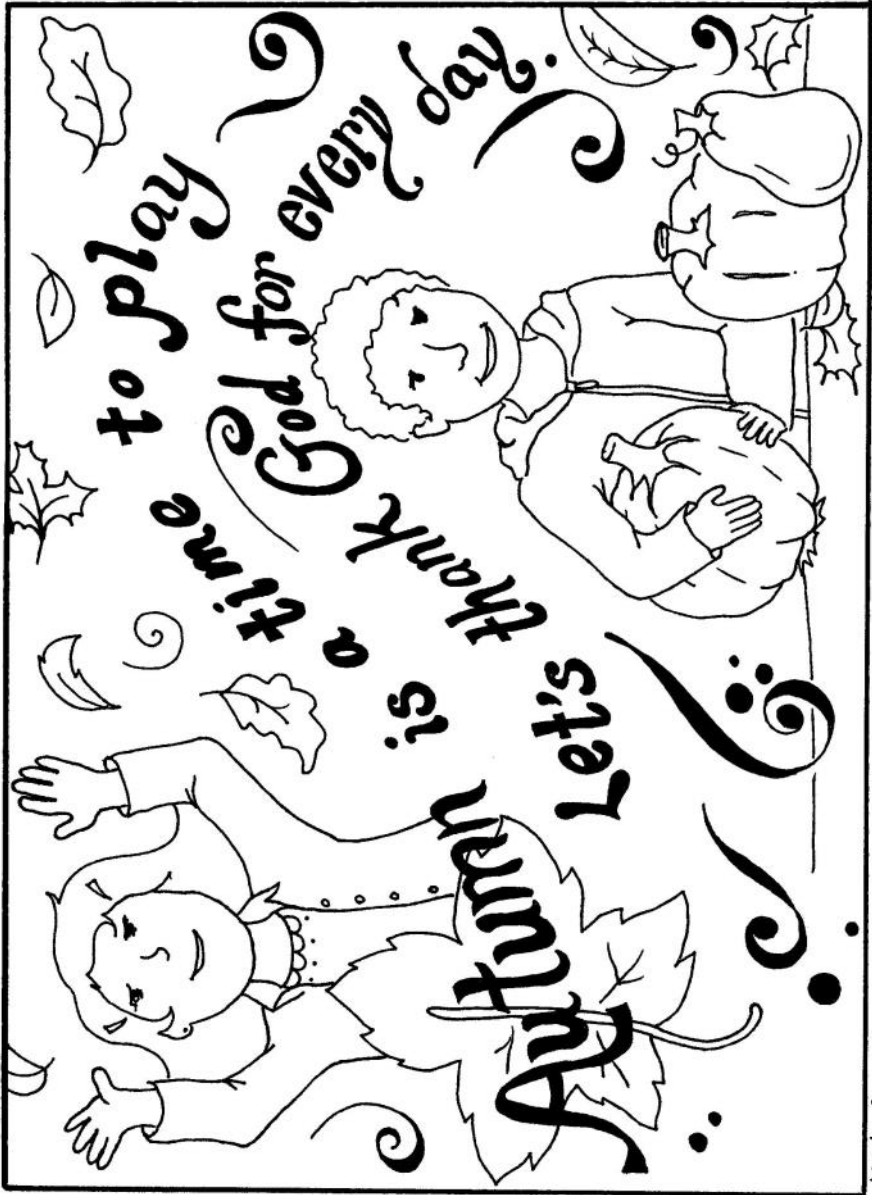
We hope to get back to our regular meetings when it is safe to do so, and to get the Rainbows unit up and running too. If you know of any young girls aged between 5-10 who might like to join Rainbows or Brownies, please ask their families to get in touch dalmillingbrownies@hotmail.com

Harvest

At Harvest Time we thank you Lord for the things our farmers grow. The THEWA that is milled and is used to make DEARB. Root vegetables too such as NOINO, BACGABE, ASPOOTTE and STARROC. The TEAM, KLIM and GEGS we take for granted.

For ICER we obtain from far flung Patna. For SPELPA, REAPS, LEMON, SPRAGE and SANNAAB we thank you too.





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Mandy Groce '10



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FIND THE 7 DIFFERENCES



**Out and About**

We spent a lot of our daily exercise exploring the paths along the River Ayr during the good weather in March and April this year, walking on average about three to four miles a day. We actually clocked up over one hundred and twenty miles a month and found many new paths and flask of tea stops! We saw the riverbank spring flowers burst into bloom, to be replaced by the summer blossoms, and then, just a fortnight ago, we picked wild raspberries, which were turned into jam within two hours! Very tasty too!



Just spending time by the river let us see other things we would have missed: we saw a deer swimming across the Ayr, we saw lots of kingfishers, and on one occasion, felt we were being watched, and, looking up from our coffee, found an otter popped up from the water to give us the once-over! In the midst of all the worry and distress of lockdown, we felt privileged to have been able to follow the seasons and see each one's beauty in turn.

Eileen and Gwyn



The source of the River Ayr is Glenbuck Loch in East Ayrshire. The river skirts Muirkirk and twists back and forth on its way to Sorn and through Catrine. From there it cuts its way through Ballochmyle Brae River Ayr gorge and under the Ballochmyle Viaduct bypassing Mauchline and sweeping round to Failford. It then passes under Stair Bridge curving round Annbank to Auchincruive Estate where we have had many a Sponsored Walk along its banks. The River then makes its way to the sea, bisecting Ayr on its way.



At the beginning of July I went for a walk in Rozelle Park with my niece and great-niece. Our intention was to go and find the cygnets in the pond.

As you can see we did find a few but most of our time was spent spotting and following squirrels. I have never seen so many in my life. They were everywhere—on the paths, under bushes, beside the pond and of course up trees. This fellow obligingly sat still whilst I took his/her photo. Obviously Jem ran all over the place trying to get up close to them.



As we meandered through the paths chasing after squirrels we came across the World War 1 memorial wood carvings. I knew of these from articles in the local paper but had never got around to searching for them.

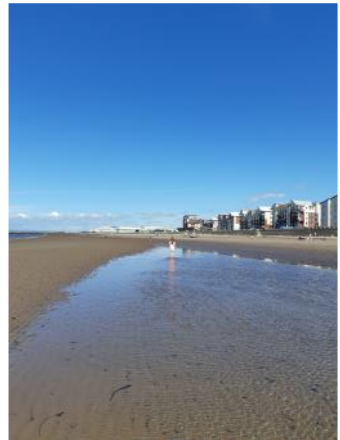
The carvings are quite stunning and given they have been in place for quite a few years are in excellent condition. Whoever maintains them does a wonderful job.





I also had a trip to the beach, (needs must when there is a 6 year old to entertain). I could see the Pavilion end of the beach was quite busy so we headed for the Horizon area.

We spent a good while paddling and digging moats which were filled with water then covered over by the incoming tide. As this coincided with the beach getting busier we headed for home.



Elizabeth Brechany



I am lucky enough to be living near to Shewalton Woods Wildlife Park and during Lockdown I have really enjoyed regular early morning trips on my Bike.

My regular route around the Park was just under 6 miles, half of which are tarmac cycle track and the remainder are rough pathway, which if the weather had been wet had some deep puddles to negotiate. Thankfully, in the main the weather has been good and I really appreciated the lack of traffic noise which meant you could hear the birds compete with each other to perform best - it was just great to stop for a few minutes and enjoy nature at its best.

Once past the Clydesdales in the field beside the unusually quiet and windowless hulk of the Paper Mill and into the forest I would occasionally startle a nervous Roe Deer or two. It is a favourite place for Dog owners to walk their dogs of every type and size and also for runners to torture themselves - sadly, they were suffering so much or so engrossed in their music they wouldn't always hear me - but the path is there for everybody to share and I always tried not to startle anyone.





I also enjoyed being in my garden where at nesting time there were all sorts of birds raising and feeding, sometimes several young chicks - we had Sparrows, Wood Pigeons, Starlings, Wrens, Blackbirds, Coal Tits and a Crested Tit in the nesting box was a bonus. Collared Doves, Pigeons, Ravens, Crows, Jackdaws and Great Backed Gulls were not so welcome! I



David Mac.





Funerals

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| 16th June | Janet Dante | 33 Thorneyflat Dr |
| 18th June | David Marshall | 11 Lochside Road |
| 2nd July | Bert McRobert | Heathfield Care Home |
| 7th July | So Buckett | Ailsa Craig View |

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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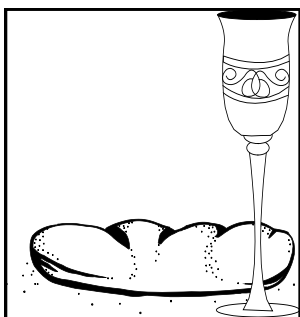
We Invite

YOU!

To join us for COMMUNION ONLINE

Not in church yet in 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

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