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September 2021



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Welcome once again to our third magazine of the year. I hope everyone is well and making the most of the good weather that we have had. At least it was brilliant at the time of writing this. It's a bit like having a run of good weather and you decide to have "Summer suns are glowing" as one of the hymns only for it to pour from the heavens for seemingly forty days and nights!!

It has been good seeing familiar faces returning to worship on Sundays once again. Whilst the online services had and does have value, it can never replace personal interaction and the ability of seeing one another again. Hopefully over time, many more of our members will feel the confidence to be able to re-join us once again on a Sunday morning. Perhaps even those who haven't been with us for a considerable period of time will feel the 'urge' to come and be with us again. There is always a place in our worship for anyone and everyone who wishes to worship alongside us, and once we are allowed to, to have a cup of tea or coffee as well.

Even though everything we do on a Sunday is still done on a restricted basis, hopefully by the time Communion comes along things will have changed for us again, in a positive way.

Singing and saying the Lords prayer communally has once again resumed within the church, and even though we are still wearing our masks, hopefully it doesn't spoil the joy too much.

Church life is slowly getting back to a degree of normality. We have had a wedding and a baptism in Dalmilling and Auchincruive churches. And it was a joy being able to share in 'good' things of life with those from our community.

Whilst the affects of Covid will be with us all for a considerable period to come, and the shadow of the new Presbytery/Mission plan hangs over us we can't just sit and wait and see what will happen next. There are some things I would like to do, and there are plans in



my head for the future, so hopefully we can see some fruition with these in the months to come.

Just in case you need any more Good News just keep in mind that after this communion, there is only one more till Christmas. I knew that would 😊 ensure that your cup is full and running over with peace and happiness.

Finally, as always if you are in need of me for anything please feel free to get in touch by phone or email. Contact details are in the magazine.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

John





Our Communion service will be carried out in the way that we have been doing over the previous few Communion services, with everyone bringing their own bread and wine/juice.

The Church of Scotland, at the time of writing, are asking that we maintain 1m physical distancing hence the reason why we are maintaining what we have been doing rather than reverting to a traditional Communion service.

All being well we will be back to normal for the December service.

Communion 5th September at Dalmilling

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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Campaign for Just Vaccine Rollout

Lord Jim Wallace, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, is backing a Christian Aid appeal for a just vaccine rollout which has already raised over £10,000 – more than double the original target.

Thank you to everyone who has generously given thanks for receiving their jags. Your money will help ensure vulnerable people stay safe by providing basics such as soap, water and food, ensuring that vulnerable communities stay safe as they wait for vaccination. There is still time to donate if you haven't already and feel this is a cause you want to support.

Faith Impact Forum
Newsletter 9th August 2021



We reported on this campaign on the St Quivox church Facebook page on the 8th June 2021.



As mentioned in the 'June 2021' magazine the Presbytery Plan is being revisited and the plans are already being drawn up.

I have deliberately not mentioned anything about them in this magazine because it is my intention to write to everyone and let you know what the plans are and what they might involve for us as a church.

Also I have not mentioned them simply because by the time the magazine goes to print we can't be 100% certain what the plans will be.

The Mission Committee met on the 5th August to discuss and (hopefully) approve the document that the Sub Committee has been working on throughout the summer.

The Presbytery/Mission plan Document then went to Presbytery on the 10th August. Thereafter the Document with any proposals will be sent to the churches/Kirk Sessions.

Thus, the reason why it is hard to say what the eventual plans will be at this time, but we should know by the end of August.

In September I will write to everyone, on behalf of myself and the Kirk Session so that you, as members of the congregation know exactly what is happening.

That said, I would like to draw your attention to something that I am sure most of us are aware of anyway, that is, the size of our congregation, and its rapidly decreasing numbers.

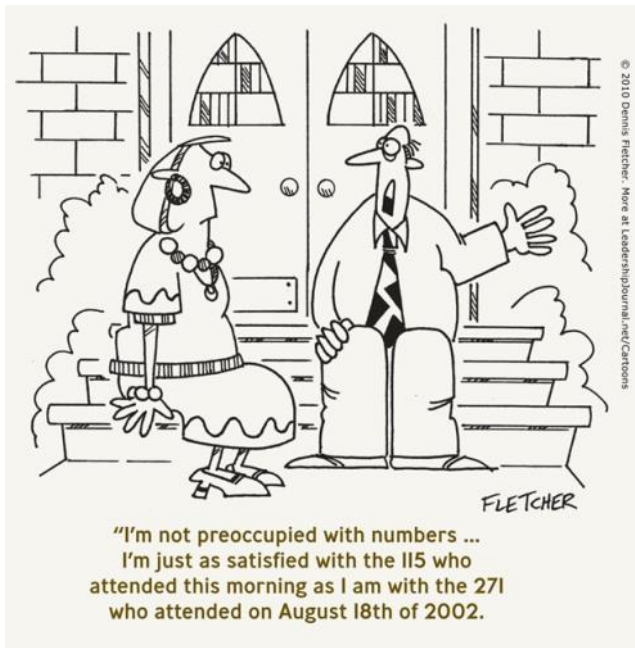
Over the last year and a half or so we have fallen from 125 members to 105 or thereabouts. If that was to be maintained over the next five years then the results are obvious. In fact, the numbers used by the Mission Committee for the next five years have assumed that St Quivox will have a congregation/church roll of 57, which again is not a healthy number for us going forward.



The numbers attending worship on Sunday since we reopened at the end of March is roughly 20. The highest in attendance, apart from the baptism in July, has been 26.

It is not an ideal situation that we are in, though there are other churches whose numbers aren't as good. However, what goes on elsewhere is not our concern.

I draw your attention to these things to simply point out that these are factors we will have to take into account when we start to think about long term planning. And how long we think long term will really be for us.





FUNERALS

18 th May	Maurice Beckett	Finnick Glen, Alloway
10 th June	Tony Wright	37 Walker Road
6 th July	John Graham	68 Peggieshill Road
20 th July	Robin Jones	33 Seaforth Road
20 th July	Agnes Lawrence	Thornwood Ave.
21 st July	Robert Dunlop	88 Dalmilling Crescent
11th Aug	Tommy Cuthbert	3 Thornyflat Drive



“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:

*Grief never ends...
but it changes.
It's a passage,
not a place to stay.
Grief is not a sign
of weakness,
nor a lack of faith..
It is the price of Love.*

Author unknown

Submitted by Pat Johnston



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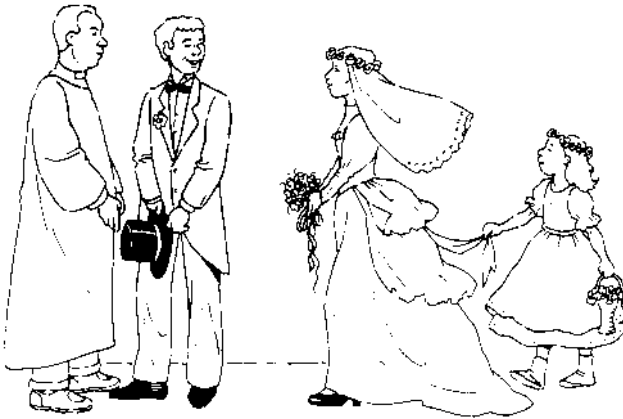
11TH July Oscar Lewis James Piper Lochside, Ayr



WEDDING

19TH June Justin and Nicole Given Adamton House Hotel

25TH July Tyler and Angela Hiddleston Dalmilling Church





We continue to do our bit for the people living in the North Ayr area.

Wild Rhythm has continued on Zoom throughout the last year. Thankfully, we were able to meet in person on a couple of occasions during July at Dalmilling Church. We plan to continue this as long as the weather is favourable.

I've continued providing 1-1 support to men, and young people from the area. Some of those young people have been able to participate in sailing activities at Prestwick beach as part of Room Sixty's (Newton Wallacetown Church) youth project.

We were successful in securing £1000 in funding to deliver some fitness activities for men recovering from substance misuse issues. We started this during July and it's going very well so far. We have one session a week and it is run from a boxing gym in the local area.

Can I ask for your prayers please? Both corporately and individually. Please pray for:

Wisdom and discernment for me as I interact with people

Vision and direction for the church and the project

Opportunities and courage to share Jesus

Continued protection from Coronavirus for those living in the area

The hearts of people that they may turn to God and seek him

Please know you are in my prayers. If anyone has any questions or comments then please do get in touch at

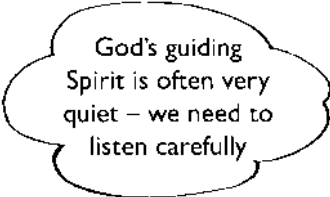
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I Said a Prayer

*I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard,
I felt the answer in my heart
Although he spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame,
I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked him for some treasures
Of a far more lasting kind.
I asked that he'd be near you
At the start of each new day,
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share the way.
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small.
But it was for his loving care
I prayed for most of all. anon.*

Submitted by Vickie Mutch



God's guiding
Spirit is often very
quiet – we need to
listen carefully

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TREASURER'S REPORT



Despite the easing of most restrictions, it is still a very challenging time for us financially. We are not seeing increased numbers attending church with the resulting drop in our free will envelopes and our Premises lets have reduced due to summer holidays. We have however managed to exceed our Income Budget by 53% and even allowing for the Legacies received of £6,000, we are still 19% over Budget.

However we are also over Budget on our Expenditure by 9% and the total effect of this is that we are down £1,545 this year but it would have been down £,7545 if not for the legacies. We will not be able to sustain that level of loss looking ahead. Our Bank balance has also reduced by 4% but would have reduced by 25% if not for the aforementioned legacies.

This year unfortunately continues with the difficulties that we endured last year. Things may get a little better as we have opened the Church again for our Sunday services and are receiving our weekly free will offerings again. In addition, with the Dance groups starting again, we are receiving some Rental income.

However, despite the depressing figures, the Elders of the church continue, as far as they can, their work in the parish community through pastoral care and the church services in our buildings, as well as through the church's website www.ayrstquivox.com. and we can only hope and pray that things might improve for the rest of the year.

Colin Mutch, Treasurer





We've been thinking a lot recently about a new house! Not ours, we're happy here in St Q, but a house in North Yorkshire. In Thirsk, to be precise. A house, built in 1906, that our son and daughter-in-law have recently bought.

Any house over a hundred years old is bound to have seen a lot through the years. This one was built not far from the town centre. It must have been a time of growth for the town: a group of local men paid a builder to build them this terrace of houses of which they would each have one for their home.

The last family who lived here had been in the house for thirty or forty years at least. Eventually, as happens, a child left home, years passed and the parents died, and the house became too big for the remaining child. Things slipped a bit and although he tried, the upkeep just became too much for him and the house slid into disrepair.

Before they put in an offer, we went to see the house with our son and daughter-in-law, and her mum. We walked though it and the amount of work it would take just to get it barely habitable was obviously going to be enormous. But, there was a good feeling about the house. We felt instinctively that it had been a happy house and would continue to be a happy house for them.

How can that be? How can, what is essentially just bricks and mortar, give a feeling? But we've all experienced it. We've looked at all kinds of things and rejected them, sometimes for no obvious reason, then all of a sudden, we've found the one that 'feels right'.

With the help of what seems like every tradesman in Thirsk, we're helping the young people to restore the fabric of the house.

We hope they will be happy there. Perhaps, to that end, it will be a good thing to take Jesus's advice when he sent out disciples into the world, "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house'" (Luke 10:5).

Whether we say it out loud, or as a short 'arrow' prayer, it is a wonderful thing to wish on any home.

Eileen Williams



Ever since I was a young lad, many years ago now, I have had access to a bike, not always shiny new ones from Tyrrells Cycle Shop in Hamilton, but a '2 Wheeler', cobbled together with bits of old 'donor' bikes salvaged from the local Cowp, and made rideable for me by my elder brothers. This was my first taste of independence and freedom, and I loved it. Seeing I was keen, a family friend gave me a present of a better bike which he had made roadworthy, sadly my enjoyment was not to last, as a lorry mounted the pavement outside the Barber's and smashed into my bike, transforming it into a twisted and tangled wreck – fortunately I was inside at the time - I went in for a haircut and came out with a close-shave!

I was a milk-boy with the local Co-op and one of my customers told me he was giving up cycle racing and offered me his bike, which I accepted. What a bike it was - it was a beauty – a Hill Special no. 508, all Chrome Frame, 21 French gears and a saddle like an axe head! Included amongst lots of Bike associated bits and pieces was a set of Bamboo Wheels and racing tyres – Carbon Fibre had not even been invented then, and you could lift the bike with one finger. I used to cycle every day in the early Sixties, from Blantyre to my work in Motherwell, and I used to tag on behind a Bus at Hamilton and keep right behind it all the way up the hill to Motherwell Cross – much to the amusement of the passengers watching me out the back window. Sadly, this too did not end well, as I used to keep the bike in the kitchen at home overnight and put it outside first thing in the morning. It was pinched from there early one morning – I think, by a worker on their way to the local Industrial Estate – never to be seen again - nae luck!

As an apprentice Butcher I had to deliver orders on a Message Bike complete with a large wicker Basket on the front, and it was useful too for carrying Bags of fresh white Sawdust from the Sawmill – no, it wasn't for the Sausages- it was to absorb any blood or fat that had dropped onto the floor. I also had to take the daily takings to the Bank wrapped in a paper poke, and one day as I pedalled furiously to



catch the Bank before it closed, I hit a pot-hole in the road, the poke flew out the basket, burst open and there were 10 shilling and One pound notes scattered and blowing about the appropriately named Windmillhill Street – it was like a Scramble at a wedding as passers-by helped me dodge the traffic and retrieve the ‘takings’ – and keep my job!

Message Boys were gradually being replaced as Vans took over deliveries and as I was getting older Bike travel was replaced firstly by Bus or Train and eventually more frequently by car so Cycling became a bit less popular for a while.

Now, and because of the Covid 19 epidemic, Cycling has become hugely popular during Lockdowns, with waiting lists for new Bikes and a flourishing interest, especially for the older riders, in Electric Bikes, which add greatly to the enjoyment, minus the hard work for a great many people – if only they had Bells! Now that I am retired, I cycle regularly and have a choice of three Bikes on which I can explore my neighbourhood. Maybe I can give you an update in the next edition. But that’s for another day – Keep safe!!



David McMahon



I spent a lovely relaxing Friday afternoon sitting outside the River Garden's new bothy cafe with my dog- he's made welcome but not inside. The new cafe is really impressive - spacious and spotless. The coffee is wonderful - and I'm hard to please with regard to coffee. there was an extensive choice of goodies and I had the very best empire biscuit I've ever tasted. They just opened a month ago after working really hard to get the place up and running. They only open Friday, Saturday and Sunday serving bacon rolls and pastries from 9.30 till 11 then sandwiches made on site and a lunch dish as well as teas, coffee, interesting soft drinks and lovely cakes. I would highly recommend a visit, one of the benefits being that you don't need to feel guilty about all the calories because its helping a really good charity which is doing great work supporting the community. An added benefit is that many of the sandwiches etc. are made using produce grown in the gardens around the cafe. The vegetables, tomatoes etc can be bought as well.

I know some members of the congregation visited before Covid when they used one of the greenhouses and outdoor tables, but maybe not everyone is aware that the new venue is open.

They are on Facebook - River Garden Auchincruive with more information about the work they do and some mouth-watering pictures.

Sherry Gargan



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Lena Landon
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Olympics 2020



The Olympic games in Tokyo are now over. They were filled with highs and lows for the athletes. With personal best and Olympic and World Records broken many achieved their dreams however some dreams were shattered due to injury, mental health or coronavirus.

Delayed by a year there were many protests amongst Japanese people as to whether these games should go ahead. Amidst fears of a resurgence of infections due to the delta variant it was decided the games would go ahead, but without spectators and strict testing regimes and bubbles in place. It was reported in 'the japan times' that "the organisers recorded 404 Games-related infections since July 1. They carried out close to 600,000 screening tests with the infection rate of 0.02%." Conversely in the host city record numbers of infections were being seen and hospitals were under pressure. It is still to be determined whether hosting the Olympics had an adverse effect on the coronavirus levels on the population.

It remains to be seen whether events such as these are likely to go ahead in the future. I'm sure all the data will be closely monitored so that correct mitigations are in place before allowing spectators in to enjoy these spectacles in as close a way as possible to that of pre pandemic years.

In the meantime we look forward to watching the Para Olympics in Tokyo and Winter Olympics in February 2022 where the host city will be Beijing in China.

Elizabeth Brechany

Ref. The Japan Times Aug 8, 2021



1. On which apparatus did Matt Whitlock retain Gold?
2. Which swimmer gained a gold and 3 silver in Tokyo?
3. In which event did Charlotte Worthington gain gold?
4. In which event did Jess Learmouth, Jonny Brownlee, Georgia Taylor-Brown and Alex Yee compete as a team?
5. Which medal did Team GB's men's 200m freestyle relay team win?
6. Who got his 1st diving gold at this his 4th Olympics?
7. Which British swimmer became the first to defend an Olympic Title in the 100m Breaststroke.
8. Which woman gave an incredible effort in the final event of the Women's Modern Pentathlon to gain Olympic Gold?
9. What age is Sky Brown who won bronze in the Park Skateboarding?
10. Which athlete won the men's omnium?
11. Name the Olympic sailors who won the women's 470 class.
12. In which event did Ben Maher achieve gold?
13. Which cyclist became the most decorated GB female Olympian after winning the Women's Madison in the velodrome?
14. Who pedalled his way into the record books when he achieved his 7th Gold medal?
15. Who became the first Welsh fighter to win an Olympic boxing gold medal when she won the women's middleweight class?
16. How many medals in total did Team GB take home from Tokyo?



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Archery	Equestrian	Judo	Swimming
Athletics	Fencing	Rowing	Taekwando
Basketball	Field	Rugby	Tennis
BMX	Football	Sailing	Track
Canoeing	Gymnastics	Shooting	Triathlon
Cycling			



I only saw some of the Javelin throwing from Tokyo. With the men throwing 88 metres and the women 66 it was quite some achievement. The bit I found scary was the way the referees, with their measuring tapes, were at the point of impact before the javelin had even touched down!

Elizabeth Brechany



Flood, Fire and Extreme Heat

Wild Fires in Spain, Greece, Turkey and California. Floods in Germany and Belgium. Extreme heat in Canada. Tornadoes in China. Most of these extreme events are considered to be caused by global warming and resultant changes in weather patterns. They can be a cause of death both directly and indirectly. There were recently many deaths due to floods in Europe and due to extreme heat in Canada. Of course indirectly we also have to consider the effects of floods and droughts on food production which in some countries can lead to famine.

The Church of Scotland in its Faith Impact Forum reminds us that COP26 (ref 1), is being held in Glasgow this November. We are asked to think and talk about what we could do to tackle Climate change both as a congregation and personally.

Countries are being asked to agree to keeping global warming to less than 2 degrees. One of the ways of achieving this is to accelerate the use of Electric Vehicles. Articles from eco congregations (ref 2), signpost us to Zoom Conferences such as 'Breathe - Fresh air for all' and 'Electric Vehicles'.

One of the earliest messages we were asked to subscribe to was Reduce Reuse Recycle. I recently watched a programme (ref 3) that combined this concept with Electric Vehicles.

In the first case a 1960's classic Rolls Royce had its old combustion engine stripped out and replaced with an electrically powered engine. The original chassis was retained along with the interior fittings. Without this type of recycle / reuse strategy it will be impossible to run this type of car in the near future. Not a great idea for the purist among classic car owners and it doesn't come cheap. For this car the new engine cost £350,000 but it did have an overall value of £1,000,000.



In the second case a relatively new recycling lorry was also having an electrical engine system fitted. It was either that or the vehicle would have to be scrapped.

Personally I have been considering an Electric Vehicle. You do see quite a few going about Ayr but the majority of these are council owned Van's with some council owned cars. So what is available. Should I go for already available BMW, Mercedes, Peugeot, Jaguar or a Porsche? All sadly out of my price range. Smaller vehicles are beginning to come off the production line but I might hold off a while yet until buying a car won't break my budget.

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3. BBC Click aired on 17th July 2021

Elizabeth Brechany



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Since writing this article the UN has published a report in which it announces we are at 'Code Red for Humanity' warning increasing global warming puts us at risk of further extremes of heat, flood and fire. Sea levels will continue to rise as the Arctic shelf melts and we will have Coastal Flooding.

IPCC, Climate Change 2021, The Physical Basis



by 1st Dalmling Brownies Brown Owl Lise Whittle

We have continued to adapt our Brownies programme so that girls can still take part in activities from their homes. The Brownies received weekly email activities and were invited to online Zoom meetings. We

enjoyed weekly chapters from *'Alice in*

Wonderland', and badge work at

home towards our 'Skills For My

Future' badge. This included 'Tool School' where

the Brownies drew lots of different tools and then

went around their home ticking off the tools when

they found a place where they might be used, such

as hanging a blind might need a tape measure, a

ladder, a screwdriver and screws. We asked

parents to encourage the girls to help them if they

are doing any DIY jobs around the house.



The Brownies took part in an 'Out and About Wee Beasties Challenge' to earn a beautiful badge and certificate. They needed to look outdoors and tick

off minibeasts that they spotted from a chart; make a set of minibeast

Trump Cards and play a

game with their family or

toys; and make a simple home for bugs to

live in using recycled or natural items.



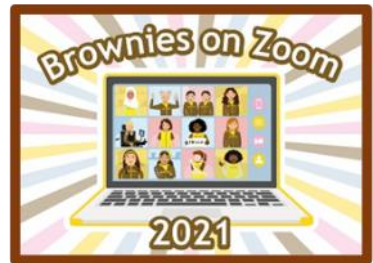


We emailed the girls some beach-related activities including a beach scavenger hunt to do with their

families, beach yoga, and song words to *'Oh I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside'* and *'My Bonnie lies Over The Ocean'*. They could also earn a certificate if they took part with their families in a local litter pick.



Before the end of term, the Brownies were invited to join two Zoom sessions which included lots of fun games and tasks – including pow-wows, speed drawing, identifying mystery sounds, an alphabetical animal name game, grab-a-spoon game, a camping memory card game, Barn Owl's quiz, and a *'Hokey Cokey'* singalong (with everyone unmuted, which sounded very funny!) We ended our last meeting by singing Vera Lynne's *'We'll Meet Again'*.



We look forward to getting back to our regular meetings in the Church Hall 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, please ask their families to get in touch on the Girlguiding website or at dalmillingbrownies@hotmail.com





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Answers to Olympics Quiz

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| 1. Pommel Horse | 1. Duncan Scott |
| 3. BMX | 4. Mixed Triathlon Relay |
| 5. Gold | 6. Tom Daley |
| 7. Adam Peaty | 8. Kate French |
| 9. 13 | 10. Matt Walls |
| 11. Hannah Mills & Eilidh McIntyre | 12. Individual Showjumping |
| 13. Laura Kenny | 14. Jason Kenny |
| 15. Lauren Price | |
| 16. Total 65 medals—22 Gold, 21 Silver and 22 Bronze | |



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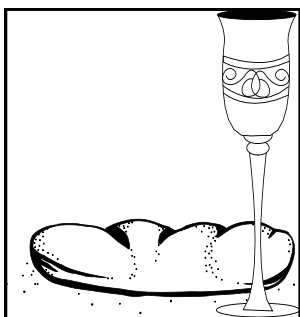
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We Invite You

To join us for COMMUNION
SUNDAY 5th September 2021
At Dalmilling Church



*Do this in remembrance of me.
Luke 22:19*

Next issue of Church Magazine

All items should be submitted to Elizabeth Brechany

by Sunday 7th November 2021

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