

# Columba News



## Spring 2020

# CHURCH PERSONNEL

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## National Emergency

Frightening, unsettling and unlikely, we find ourselves in the midst of a national emergency. Though they brought devastation and heartbreak, storms Ciara and Dennis seem a distant memory. Even storm 'Brexit' has abated, at least for now. In time, there will be inquiries into how well our governments have responded to the health and economic threats of the COVID-19 pandemic but, for myself, I am truly indebted to our politicians for their leadership in this complex and rapidly changing situation. We are indebted to our NHS staff and all key workers at this critical time. Perhaps out of concern for loved ones or selfishness, panic-buying and empty shelves have not been our best moment. In our liberal democratic society, our freedom of movement has been seriously curtailed. Much more can be said; we know the story. For the first time in a long time, we are all watching the same news. Strange times.

It does not help to watch TV and news websites obsessively. We are fortunate that, over these past few days, we have been blessed by good weather, if a little cold. The sunshine and colourful signs of Spring make a difference: we now have time to stop and notice the beauty around us. The relative quiet on our streets and in the parks and our rest from regular busyness may together help us to slow down, be still and appreciate what we do have: loved ones, friends, good neighbours, and an opportunity to connect with people by text, telephone or FaceTime when we would not otherwise have done so. At least in these early days, our separateness and apartness may, in some sense, help bring us closer together with those we love. Funny pictures or videos on social media also help to lighten our gloom and keep us positive.

Churches have frantically sought to go virtual. I have been uplifted by the celebrations of the Eucharist led by sisters and brothers in other denominations, alone in their sanctuaries but offered on behalf of the wider community: 'The Lord be with you'. The sharing of music and prayers, spoken and written, also nourish the soul, though this is no time for trite theology. In thanksgiving, we may rightly sing, 'All things bright and beautiful', but we live in a world of tsunamis, earthquakes, Ebola, SARS and coronaviruses. Our theology needs to be rooted in reality. In the temptations in the wilderness, Jesus refused to put God to the test; He refused to conjure up 'a supernatural miracle'. We encounter the Divine in the world as it is.

In the forthcoming season of Easter, when we would joyfully have sung the great anthem, 'Thine be the glory', we would only have done so having first journeyed from Palm Sunday through the *passion* or suffering of Holy Week. For me, the revelation on Good Friday is that God is present in the midst of the worst of human agony, loneliness and injustice. The emptiness of Holy Saturday, the day between the crucifixion of Jesus and the Resurrection, is that moment in human experience when we are alone, seemingly without God, without hope, without faith, as if eternally in darkness. We live in a world, a created order, that is indifferent to our presence. The story of Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Sunday is that it is precisely in this world we encounter God, glimpse God's glory, breathe in beauty, and discover a stillness, peace, shalom, a wholeness that only the Eternal can give.

Keep safe.  
Every blessing,

*Scott*

*Revd Dr Scott S McKenna*

# TWELVE EVENTFUL MONTHS

The past twelve months in the life of our Church have been quite remarkable. Since Fraser Aitken preached his final sermon at Ayr St Columba, on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, we have witnessed a memorable series of events. In that time, the willingness of so many of our members to play a part and to support the Church has ensured that we have remained robust and the quality and openness of wonderful people such as David Lacy, Eddie Simpson, David Ness and Scott McKenna, staunchly supported by others, has meant that our worship has been strong and our spiritual needs have been fully nurtured.

There are too many individuals deserving of thanks for me to list here, but everyone should be assured that their contributions over the year have been very deeply appreciated. These contributions have allowed so much important work to be done.

- The Nominating Committee carried out their work assiduously and to great effect and a great many of our members were involved in the election of Scott McKenna to our pulpit and in the associated celebrations.
- Members showed their great appreciation of the excellent work of David Lacy, as Interim Moderator and of Eddie Simpson as Locum Minister.
- There was strong appreciation also of the work of our own preachers during the Vacancy. David Ness, Roddy McNidder, John Matthews, Iain Paterson, Lawrie Lennox, Muriel Wilson and David Wallace all proved to be outstanding members of this Church.
- The Kirk Session approved proposals for Memorial Plaques commemorating the service of Revd Dr Bill Christman and Revd Fraser Aitken to be placed in the sanctuary. It was also agreed that framed photographs of the former Ministers would be placed in the Carrick Park Vestibule.
- The sale of the Cathcart St Hall was completed and the leasing of the Chalmers Road Manse was arranged.
- The 'Go for It' project at Lochside came to an end in April.
- Mrs Anne Mills was appointed as Safeguarding Coordinator and retrospective approval was given for 46 individuals to work as volunteers in the Church.
- Mr Bryce Hartshorn indicated that he was stepping down from his position as Convenor of the Education Committee and members of Session approved the appointment of Mr Keith Fullerton as his successor.
- Mrs Helen Greig was appointed as Convenor of the Worship, Mission and Outreach Committee
- Upon taking the 'Oath de Fidei', Mr Walter Muir was sworn in as Depute Session Clerk.
- Mrs Wendy Campbell, Mr David Inglis and Mr Stuart Reid were ordained as Elders. Miss Muriel Wilson was admitted to the Kirk Session.
- The Holiday Club, 'Showstoppers', took place in the Church from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July.
- An Eco Congregation Committee was set up under the convenorship of Dr Andrew Muirhead
- Members of Session gave their approval for the Minister's proposals for a Children's Ministry at the 9.30am Services
- Mr Norman Reid assumed responsibility for overseeing matters at Lochside. He became the line manager for Michael Hall. Mrs Helen Greig and the WMO Committee assumed responsibility for overseeing outreach activities there and Mr Terry Swinn agreed to continue to advise on technology matters.
- Following discussion, members of Session agreed that grape juice only should be used at all services of Holy Communion.

- Mrs Elizabeth Shaw indicated that she was stepping down from her role in organising the delivery of flowers to members following the Sunday services. Mrs Margaret Johnston agreed to take on this responsibility.
- 63 seniors attended a first class Christmas Party and the Burns Supper went very well with 84 in attendance.

There were, of course, many other activities in the course of the year, all of which contributed to the ongoing sense of vitality and of belonging which so many feel for our Church.

The coming months will be different, of course. As I write, we are at the beginning of a 'lockdown' with ominous warnings all around us regarding the Covid 19 virus. However, whilst the Church building may be closed for a while, the people who make the Church what it is are not and they continue to offer support and inspiration in whatever way they can. Our Church community is alive and well. We know that the weeks and the months will pass and, eventually, normality will appear on the horizon. Let us hope that our coming experiences, our care and concern for each other and our ongoing faith will ensure that we will all be better equipped to take the Church forward when that time comes.

**Bob Bartholomew**

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Sermons

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Current Updates

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# Ian was guest at the Guild

## “Whose we are and Whom we Serve”

As we reflect on our last Guild Session, this year has been particularly successful year, beginning with our opening meeting when we were delighted that the Revd Ian Paterson agreed to come along and dedicate The Guild for the work which we hoped to do and for this we must thank Revd Ian for giving us such inspiration and telling us about the history of the Guild.

We have been blessed with large attendances at our meetings and some new members joined this year. At most of our meetings we have had visitors who come along if the topic is of interest to them. We are always delighted to welcome anyone who joins us and we hope they too enjoy the friendship and fellowship of The Guild.

These meeting would not be possible without the speakers and entertainers who come along every fortnight and give so freely of their time and talents and this goes a long way to making our Guild meetings so special.

On March 2 we had our Annual Daffodil Tea with Loudoun Friends who certainly entertained us. We had a large attendance and welcomed some of our friends from other Guilds in the area. Our Minister, Dr McKenna, presented a Long Service Certificate to **Irene Morrison for 30 years' service to Ayr St Columba Guild**. Congratulations Irene for all your dedication and service to The Guild.

The new session of The Guild begins again on **Monday, 28 September 2020 at 7.30 p.m. in the Midton Hall**. Dorothy and the Committee will look forward to welcoming everyone and again we hope to welcome new members. All are welcome at Ayr St Columba Guild.

*Maureen Fullerton*  
*Secretary*

## MARY'S MEALS

Thank you yet again to all in the congregation of Ayr: St. Columba for continuing to make contributions in the box at the main moor and the jar at the vestry door in support of Mary's Meals. Throughout 2019 this has resulted in the grand total of £930 being provided for this worthwhile cause and it continues to demonstrate how a constant trickle of small donations accumulates into a meaningful sum.

A recent letter from them has acknowledged how much this continuing support means to them and encourages us to keep up the good work.

Well done!

*Peter G. Macdonald*  
*Gift Aid Convener (and Mary's Meals Coin Collector)*

## Just to say a heartfelt thanks

I would like to thank the Church Family of St Columba for their great kindness to me while my wife Mabel was in Ayr hospital and for the continuing support I received after her sad death in mid November last year. Mabel received flowers and so many cards from church folk - all containing the most lovely written comments, and after her passing I continued to get dozens of cards - not to mention food and flowers handed in to the house or left on the doorstep, visitors calling and others offering their friendship to help fill the gap left by Mabel's absence. It has all been quite amazing! To all of you I record my sincere thanks.

Mabel and I felt completely at home in St Columba Church since we retired from Glasgow over six years ago. Since Mabel's passing I personally have felt enveloped by the warmth and compassion of a truly friendly and loving congregation. Mabel would have been - as I was - astonished at number of those who attended the funeral, many of her Ruchill Church 'adopted family' of young people travelling from Glasgow and beyond.

When I studied at Trinity College in the University of Glasgow my Systematic Theology course had a strand called the 'theology of presence' which explored the mystery of dying and the human significance of 'the presence of the absent one being greater than the presence of the present ones'. Those of you who have experienced deep grief will know exactly what that means.

Shortly before Mabel took ill the whole family; our three adult children and seven grandchildren spent the long September weekend in York. Mabel kept well enough to travel and enjoy the whole occasion of which the stand-out experience was to attend Evensong in York Minister Cathedral on the Sunday. We sat together listening to the coral scholars and boy and girl choristers their voices swelling to fill that beautiful sacred space with the thrilling sound of singing, reading and praying the Scriptures. A truly uplifting experience which Mabel recalled on a number of occasions in hospital when she became very poorly - it seemed then, as now, a fitting valediction on her long and faithful life.

The very last poem penned by Alfred Lord Tennyson was his personal valediction as he contemplated the end of his own life at 83. Tennyson imagined himself as a boatman crossing a harbour bar - which is the shallow sand bank which can prove dangerous in certain tides. His poem is nervous but hopeful of ultimate salvation. As he puts it in the final verse:

*For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar.*

I've thought a great deal about the images in Tennyson's poem. There is a 19th century hymn by Cannon John Ellerton (who wrote 'The day thou gavest Lord is ended') recalling Jesus' argument with the Sadducees in St Mark's Gospel about the truth of life after death? (Mark 12:18-27) Though it may express a now unfashionable Victorian sentimentality the third stanza states a comforting truth that those we love are not dead...

*Not spilt like water on the ground,  
Not wrapped in dreamless sleep profound,  
Not wandering in unknown despair,  
Beyond Thy voice, Thine Arm, Thy care;  
Not left to lie like fallen tree—  
Not dead, but living, unto Thee.*

I've thought all through my public ministry that The Church Family was an indispensable support to those suffering loss - I am experiencing the truth of this right now!

**John (Matthews)**



## **Ayr Presbytery meeting held on March 2, 2020 within the Carrick Centre, Maybole**

**Guest Speaker** - Mr Fred Vincent, Project Co-ordinator spoke on the work of Chance to Thrive Network of 14 congregations which includes Patna, Waterside. Priority Area congregations are within the 5% most deprived in Scotland.

Chance to Thrive is primarily a Priority Areas missionary regeneration initiative and as such supports congregations as they seek to facilitate community, congregational and personal aspirations for 'Thriving'. It's a partnership project between Faith Nurture and the General Trustees which is focuses on thriving congregations and communities through transformative mission.

**New Cumnock Parish Church:** Presbytery noted that the Revd Helen Cuthbert, on grounds of retirement, will demit her charge of New Cumnock on 31 March 2020.

**Monkton and Prestwick North Parish Church:** Presbytery noted that the Rev David Clarkston successfully preached as nominee at Barclay Viewforth Parish Church, Edinburgh on February 23, 2020. The Revd David Clarkston will demit his charge of Monkton and Prestwick North on April 2020.

**Ayr St Andrew's Parish Church:** Presbytery noted that the Revd Stanley Okeke will preach as Nominee at Ayr: St Andrew's on 15 March 2020.

**Chaplaincy Provision in Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Trust:** Presbytery agreed to support an approach from the Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock to the Health Board highlighting the concerns that have been raised about the withdrawal of 24 hour on call Chaplaincy cover.

**Inter Presbytery Talks:** Presbytery agreed that representatives from the 6 Presbyteries of Ayr, Ardrossan, Irvine and Kilmarnock, Annandale and Eskdale, Wigtown and Stranraer and Dumfries and Kirkcudbright should pursue further discussions to create a Presbytery of the South West of Scotland. An overall plan to submit to the Presbyteries concerned will be prepared and subject to agreement present the plan to the General Assembly of 2021.

**2020 Rural Church Conference:** Presbytery noted that the 2020 Rural Church Conference will take place at Alloway Church Hall on Saturday 2 May 2020.

**Discretionary Allowance Committee:** Presbytery agreed the following reduction in Ministry and Mission contributions:

New Cumnock: - £10,000 - Urgent manse repairs in light of the vacancy in April 2020

Alloway: - £7,500 - Rehabilitation of hostel block of Bandawe Girls Secondary School, Malawi

Ayr Newton Wallacetown - £6,500 - To promote the Room Sixty Project



Maybole - £5,000 - To meet loan repayments / unforeseen vacancy expenses

Ayr:Auld Kirk - £3,000 - Towards Church hall roof repairs

Annbank linked with Tarbolton - £2,000 Annbank; £1,000 Tarbolton - Audio visual equipment update at Annbank; New LED security floodlights at Tarbolton

Ayr St Andrew's - £2,500 - Unforeseen water ingress in roof

**Dalmellington Parish Church:** Presbytery noted that there had been no movement with the £300,000 project to carry out alterations to the church building at Knowehead, Dalmellington. The Kirk Session will reopen discussions locally as to which building might best attract funding and secure a future at Dalmellington.

**Troon: Old Parish Church:** Presbytery approved the relaxation of the current embargo on building works as applies to Troon Old Parish Church to allow essential remedial stonework repairs to be carried out to the clock tower/ steeple of the former 'B' listed 1838 church now the main hall.

**Pioneer Farming Minister:** The Revd Chris Blackshaw gave a presentation and update on the work he has carried out during 2019 as Pioneer Farming Minister within Ayr Presbytery.

**Workshop Training:** The current worship training programme within Ayr Presbytery is being updated in co-ordination with Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery.

*George Park*  
*Presbytery Elder*

## SUMMER SENIOR OUTING

In the light of the Government's announcements regarding Coronavirus it is with regret that this year's summer outing has been cancelled.

## FEAST OF ST COLUMBA

Scott had hoped to introduce a special lunch in the Midton Hall on Sunday, June 7 to celebrate "The Feast of St Columba" which takes place on June 9.

Unfortunately at the moment this event will be unlikely to take place, but will be on the hospitality calendar in 2021!

In the meantime I hope everyone stays safe and well, and I look forward to meeting everyone when things return to normal.

**Jane Hunter**  
**Hospitality Convenor**

# ECO CONGREGATION

Only last summer, the Scottish Government declared a climate emergency. We now have a pandemic. At the time of writing, when I look outside, life looks quieter than usual but otherwise much the same as a year ago. Why all the fuss? I suppose the worries are based on predictions rather than on present problems. We are consumed by measures designed to mitigate the pandemic and attention has shifted from the climate emergency.

Our Kirk Session agreed to explore ecological issues with a view to becoming an eco-congregation just before Christmas. The Church of Scotland Assembly in 2019 encouraged all of its churches to become eco-congregations. I wonder how you feel about a change in lifestyle in order to protect nature and those who come after us?

Governments have a large part to play in improving the environment. In fact, the Scottish Government has done a lot already and Scotland's emissions are expected to be only 44% of CO<sub>2</sub>e this year (CO<sub>2</sub>e, or carbon dioxide equivalent, is a standard unit for measuring carbon footprints), compared to 1990, even without the impact of the corona virus. The improvements so far are a major achievement and have not required much change in lifestyle of Scottish citizens. Further progress towards being carbon neutral will involve changes to our lifestyles.

The Scottish government has published a consultation document online. This will close at the end of March. <https://consult.gov.scot/housing-and-social-justice/energy-efficient-scotland-owner-occupier-proposals/>

The proposals are quite radical and perhaps this is appropriate. It is suggested that if an owner occupier wants to sell his/her home after 2024, then the EPC rating should be level C or better. Most older homes (mine included) are well below this level of insulation. It is further suggested that if the law is ignored and a property is sold with a low energy performance and is not renovated within a year of sale, this would be punished by a fine that would be applied annually until renovations are completed. There are many practical problems with this policy but it is an example of the pressure that will soon be brought to bear on citizens so we can become carbon neutral in future.

We do need to adjust our lifestyles in several areas if we are to become carbon neutral and housing is just one. How does this sit with your beliefs? I would be interested in your thoughts. Please email me if you wish. Should we have an online forum for comments?

*Andrew Muirhead*  
*a.g.muirhead@googlemail.com*

## Ladies Fellowship/Lunch Cafe

**THE PROPOSED OUTING TO THE CARNEGIE MUSEUM AND LOMOND SHORES ON MONDAY MAY 11 WILL NOT TAKE PLACE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.**

*Jean A Stewart*

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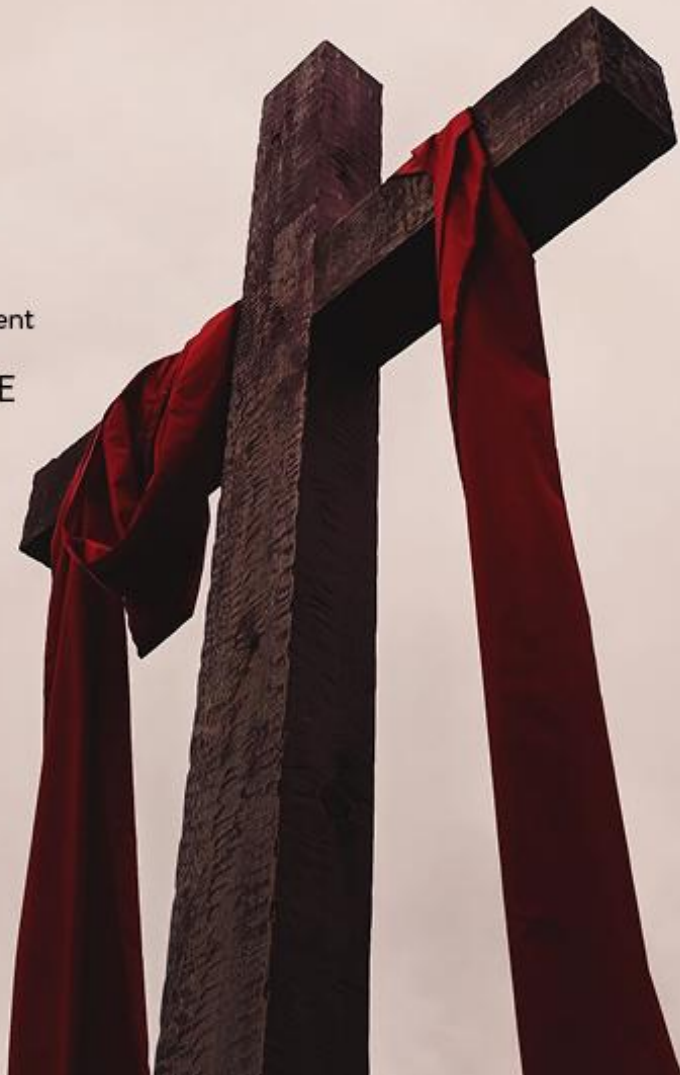
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Youngsters and the sacrament

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# Used stamps

I have just had an update concerning the used stamp appeal as follows.

The appeal in 2018 raised £ 2433 for day care centres run by the Reformed Church of Transcarpathia . Ukraine which provides support for children and young people with disabilities.

In 2019 the appeal raised £3206 for Scotland £801 of this was raised in Ayrshire. The money will support The Chigode Women's Centre in Blantyre Malawi.. This centre is celebrating 50 years of providing vital skill training to women of Malawi.

The used stamp appeal has also been running for 50 years and has helped the elderly in Bangladesh. It has provided mosquito nets in Kenya and much more.

As you can see it is well worth while saving your used stamps so keep up the good work.

*Jean Johnston*

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## **COLUMBA NEWS COPY DEADLINE**

Please note the deadline for the June edition will be.

**Sunday, May 24**

*Norman Reid*  
*Editor*

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## **CrossReach Events 2020**

**Are you looking for something exciting and adventurous to do this year? CrossReach has events taking place throughout 2020, where you can have fun whilst supporting its work across Scotland. For more information: [www.crossreach.org.uk/events](http://www.crossreach.org.uk/events)**

### **Zip Wire Challenge, Aviemore**

Zip through the trees over a stunning gorge in Aviemore on September 5, 2020. For more information: [events@crossreach.org.uk](mailto:events@crossreach.org.uk)

### **Scottish Half and 10k 2020**

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Due to the ongoing crisis the florist and flower markets are closed. Therefore we are unable to send out our birthday bouquets. So here is a virtual bouquet with our love!



**Happy birthday - have a lovely day!**



# Ayr St Columba - Holiday Club 2020



Following the postponement of our  
Easter Holiday Club our plans are on hold.



How long the Church will be closed  
we do not know.

If we are clear to go ahead - there will be a  
Holiday Club in July - if not  
we will reschedule

Please check in with the Church website and FB page  
where we will post updates.

Stay safe - stay home

← Stuart practising his experiments!

**Ayr St Columba Church**



**Postponed**

**But not forever!  
We will return.**

**Log in to our Facebook page for  
updates and craft ideas.  
Post comments and let us know  
what you are doing!**

**We are missing you all.  
Stay safe - God bless**





The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it

## News from the Church of Scotland

**Online:** Whilst we are aware that not everyone is able to access online services, for those who can, it has proved an incredible source of comfort at this time. Here are just some of the ways we, and our partners, are providing a spiritual connection online:

**The Church of Scotland:** Every day from 10am, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Rt Rev Colin Sinclair, will be leading a short reflection live [on his Facebook page](#).

- Every morning, we publish shareable daily prayers, blessings and reflections on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- We will be providing a recorded service every Sunday via our website and [Facebook](#). Subtitles will be available for those who are hard of hearing.
- Our online [Church of Scotland Hymnary](#) allows you to listen to and search the breadth of music available in the Church Hymnary 4th edition (CH4).
- Our Priority Areas team is running a series of free online Community Check-in events for conversation and worship for their congregations, running between March and June. As well as sharing news, they will join together in prayer. It will be a time to reflect, be still, connect with God and also with each other. You can [sign up for the free events on Eventbrite](#).

## Six little stories with lots of meanings

1. Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, But only one boy came with an umbrella. *That is faith*
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. *That is trust.*
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. *That is hope.*
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. *That is confidence.*
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. *That is love.*
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 and 64 years of experience' *That is attitude.*

Have a happy day and live like these six stories. Remember – Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

## ***TIME FOR A SMILE***

*At **Sunday** School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings.*

*Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.*

*Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he was ill, and she said, 'Johnny, what is the matter?'*

*Little Johnny responded,*

*'I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'*

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## **CLOSING THOUGHTS**

**“IF YOU CAN’T FLY THEN RUN,**

**IF YOU CAN’T RUN THEN WALK,**

**IF YOU CAN’T WALK THEN CRAWL,**

**BUT WHATEVER YOU DO YOU HAVE TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD.”**

***MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.***

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