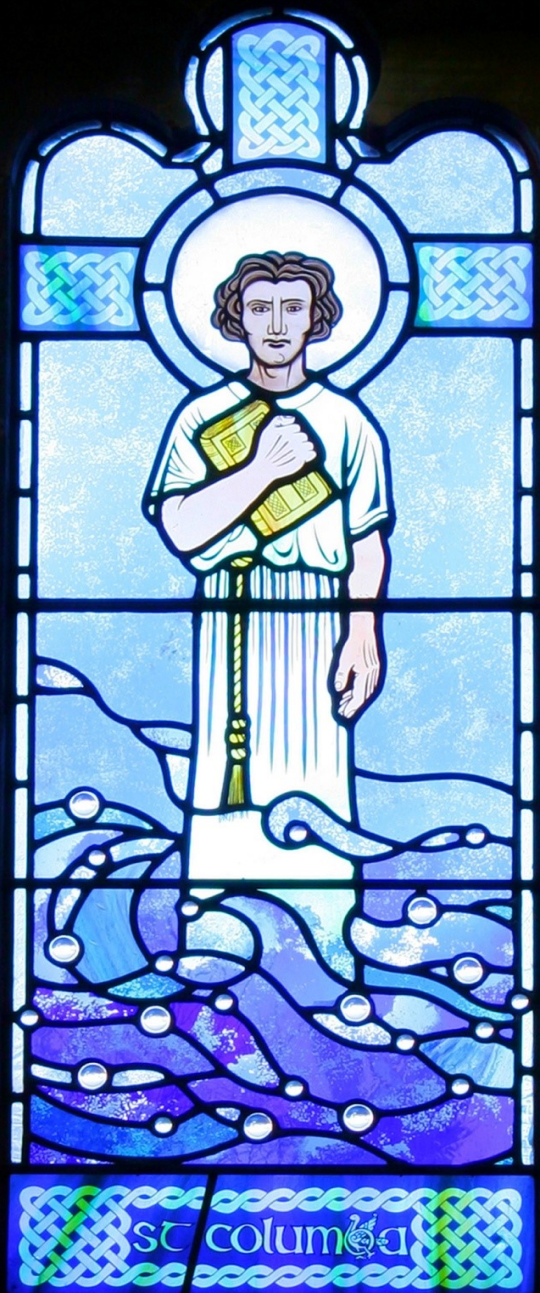


Columba News



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Welcome to our new look Columba News



Holiday Club at a Distance

In the second week of the school Easter Holidays we should have been running our Easter Holiday Club in a packed hall, however we didn't let the current situation prevent us from having Holiday Club at all! From Monday 13th April to Friday 17th April we held Holiday Club at a Distance.

Each day between 10am and 10.30 on the church Facebook page we posted materials exploring a theme for Primary-aged children. There was a **song**, a **story**, a **craft**, a **game**, and a **challenge** exploring that day's theme. Through these activities we sought to explore faith in a fun way and stay in touch while we cannot be together.

We look forward to the time when we can gather together again as a community.

Throughout the week we explored our faith and key messages from the Bible that are so important for us to remember at this time

- Let Your Light Shine
- Hope
- One Big Family of Believers
- Peace in a Storm
- You are Loved!

During the week it was great to see pictures from some of those taking part in Holiday Club at a distance. The team all look forward to the time when we can gather together again sharing with the children in our community and exploring our faith.

Faith and Covid-19

From the Manse

By the time you read this letter the lockdown restrictions may have been eased and, hopefully, eased again. Above all, I hope that you and your family have managed to remain well and safe through these past months. Sadly, some members of the congregation and wider community have died with the virus. Our thoughts and prayers, surely, are with those who have lost loved ones in recent months; those families which have endured funerals without relatives and close friends physically present; and, those living in crowded homes or without the freedom and space of a garden. For all of us, not least young children, these many weeks of confinement have been challenging.

We have been blessed by spectacular sunshine which, in my limited experience, is a rare thing in Ayrshire! Recently, I took part in an online discussion with my friend Imam Hassan Rabbani, who is the Muslim chaplain at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh. Together we reflected on Covid-19: 'Was it a punishment from God?' 'Should churches and mosques remain open?' 'Does religion replace medical advice?' and 'How does spirituality help?' Our answers were substantially the same on all four questions. Through the technology of laptop and Zoom, it was a delight to be able to see him. Hassan broadcast the discussion through Facebook which, I know, members of St Columba were able to follow.

Viruses, like earthquakes and tsunamis, are not punishments from God. Death is an integral part of creation; it is necessary if new forms of life, more complex forms, are to emerge and evolve. Naturally occurring phenomenon are morally neutral; the universe is indifferent to our presence. We discover the Eternal in and through creation, not by God's intervention in history. I prefer to think of our *interaction* with the Infinite, our openness to the *invitation* of God's love. We sometimes think of God as all-powerful, omnipotent, but that is not a concept of God we find in the Bible. Again, I prefer to think of God as all-loving rather than a god who arbitrarily intervenes.

There has been some criticism from clergy in the Church of England at the decision to close churches. Did the church authorities ever consider the central importance of sacred space and the solace of prayer found there? Has the church been removed from the public space into the living room, albeit reaching out through short, 'comfy' broadcasts? Hassan and I agreed that it is important to keep people safe and perhaps churches and mosques would not have been able to do that and remain open. Behind the criticism lies the fear that churches no longer believe in the central importance of prayer and the spiritual comfort found in sacred space; they have succumbed to the secular agenda. Perhaps.

Medical research and advice are not in opposition to religion. Many Christians, Muslims and others of faith work in scientific fields and are doing so in the midst of this pandemic. We are grateful to all who are helping to manage the public response to the pandemic and those committed to finding a vaccine. Religion and science are not at odds; only bad theology and bad science make it seem otherwise.

Both Hassan and I found the spirituality of our traditions to be of comfort at this time as at all times. It was a lovely moment when I acknowledged my appreciation of Sufi mystics, including Rumi, and he quoted from the work of St Augustine, the father of Christian mysticism. Rumi said, 'Silence is the language of God, all else is poor translation' and 'The quieter you become, the more you are able to hear'. For me, the beauty and peace of Spring – buds and birds, the warmth of friendship, and the comfort of Holy Scripture are true treasures.

Keep safe. And I so look forward to welcoming you back to church, to our sacred space.

Every blessing,

Scott

Thoughts from the Session Clerk

We are living in interesting times. This phrase, which has been quoted often at times of danger or crisis, rings very true to us today. Whatever tedium the daily frustrations of isolation and lockdown may bring, these are days which we will remember and which will be recorded in the history books of the future. Future generations of young people will ask their grandparents what it was like to live through the great pandemic of 2020.

So how we conduct ourselves in this crisis, how we show resolve amid the restrictions and, importantly, how we find ways to help those whose work places them in danger or who find themselves facing unexpected hardship or grief will become the indelible mark of our generation.

For some of us the restrictions do not seem very hard to bear. We may be retired with a guaranteed income and a comfortable home. We can afford to pay for deliveries and we can take our daily exercise in a most beautiful part of the world. This is good, but it is not sufficient for those who value fellowship and who have concerns for family, friends and for society. For some of us the restrictions bring real difficulty with loss of income, absence of loved ones, concern for the future and serious worries about health.

Ayr St Columba Church has long been a place where all are welcome and where concerns can be shared and support offered. The fellowship of our members has been wonderful to witness in many different ways and, over the years, a strong sense of community has been evident at times of celebration and at times of distress. It is unfortunate that the nature of the current crisis prevents us from physically being together to enjoy the fellowship, to support each other and to help those in need. However, the people who form our Church community have not gone away and we only need to glance at our website or Facebook page to see how much is going on to support, inform and entertain all who visit. Contacts are being made through cards, phone calls and emails and the Minister and Elders are keen to support members in whatever way they can. The Church is still there for you.

All that we have done and all that we are now doing is firmly based on our faith. We have been richly blessed to have had both Bill Christman and Fraser Aitken, men of real character, to lead us through life's path over the years and to have Scott McKenna with us at this time is profoundly reassuring and affirming. The quality of Scott's sermons and prayers, all of which can be viewed on the website, is truly excellent and his clear message of the divine Presence within each of us is much needed and most welcome at this time as, of course, at all times.

Over the past ten years my Session Clerk's Inbox has been very busy. Each day I have found messages there ranging from the friendly and supportive to the serious and stressful. Often, there will be half a dozen or so matters that I have to respond to in the course of the day. However, that Inbox has been quiet for several weeks now as Church business slows down and activities are put on hold. In a way, it reminds me of the days immediately after I retired and there were no pressing school issues or awkward youngsters to occupy my thoughts because those responsibilities now lay with others. In another way, however, I know this is a passing episode in the great story of the Church and it is important to keep thoughts of our Church at a central point in our minds. When normality returns we need Ayr St Columba to function as strongly as ever and in as many vital ways as ever.

Bob Bartholomew

Time for a smile

A family of mice were quietly going about their business when they were surprised by a big cat. Immediately, Father Mouse jumped up and, in his deepest voice, cried, "Woof, Woof!". The frightened cat ran away.

"What was that, Father?" asked Baby Mouse.

"Well, son", replied his Father, "That's why it's important to learn a second language."

Options for Offerings

As a result of the coronavirus crisis Ayr St Columba Church has been closed for the past few weeks with no official indication from Government as to when the social distancing restrictions will be lifted.

As you will understand, the closure of the Church is having a significant effect on the Church's finances. The Church of Scotland has stated that all congregations should make every effort to continue remitting their monthly Ministries and Mission contributions as normal and they advise that every effort is being made to contain costs and to continue to meet the Church's financial commitments in terms of supporting and sustaining ministry and mission throughout Scotland at this most challenging time. The work of the Church goes on and is needed.

The Review and Planning Committee have considered the impact of this and have agreed to identify methods that congregation members who wish to do so might consider as an alternative to their normal weekly method of giving. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for cash donations to be accepted at this time. Social distancing is in place and the Church office bearers will not be in a position to receive cash amounts from congregation members, no matter how much appreciated this would be.

The various methods of giving to your Church are as follows:-

NORMAL STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Should members of the congregation wish to start making a regular standing order payment, but do not wish to register for Gift Aid, then please email the Church Secretary Irene at : irene@ayrstcolumba.co.uk, or the Church Treasurer Tom at : cairns.tom23@gmail.com and a blank Standing Order mandate will be sent to you. This can be completed and sent to your own bank.

GIFT AID SYSTEM

Many members, who are tax payers, already make monthly standing order payments through the Gift Aid system operated by our Gift Aid Convenor Peter Macdonald. Some members may now wish to start making such payments and also register for Gift Aid. Members who wish to commence payments through Gift Aid can do so by requesting a Standing Order Mandate from the Treasurer or Church Secretary. A Gift Aid Declaration Form should also be requested from Tom or Irene and once both documents are completed as required, they should be posted to Mr P G Macdonald, 23 Dongola Road, Ayr KA7 3BJ, who will deal with them as necessary and forward the Standing Order to the member's bank

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

At this juncture, no-one is able to predict when Church buildings throughout the country will re-open for worship. Many of you will use the FWO envelopes as your method of giving to the Church and members using this method can fill their envelopes as normal on a weekly basis, and bring them to Church when it re-opens for worship.

THE BACS SYSTEM

Members who use online banking can make payments directly into the Church bank account through the BACS system. Any members wishing to use this method should contact the Treasurer or the Church Secretary for details of the Church bank account.

Tom Cairns, Treasurer

Bob Bartholomew, Session Clerk

FROM THE SATELLITE OFFICE

Following the closure of the Church Office I have been working from home. I have enjoyed the email messages and friendly phone calls that have come my way – all most encouraging and supportive.

As you can imagine, a few things about how we connect with the Congregation have changed!

The Internet is the easiest platform on which to upload and exchange information but we are aware that this is not available to all members. If you know of anyone who might be missing out perhaps you could print off some of the material and pop it through their letterbox or put the information in an envelope and post it! – but only if you are permitted to be out on a walk!

What is on offer: on the website www.avrscolumba.co.uk you will find a row of tabs ... Current information; Columba News; Sermons; Prayers & Reflections; Intimations ... each tab gives you access to an array of information. If you have not paid us a visit, please do. You are able to read the weekly Intimations, and all sorts of useful notes about things to do; places from which to get shopping delivered; activities to help you through this difficult time. Also, Scott's Sermons and prayers and if you look for the Audio file you can hear the Holy Week reflections. I have been asked to email the sermons to relatives of members who cannot access the internet and hence the website – if you know of anyone who might like to read the Sermons and for whom you can print them off please do not hesitate to ask me.

We have an active Facebook Page (for AYR St Columba and Ayr St Columba Lochside) – please note that you do not need to be a Facebook user or have an account to access this page. It is free and updated daily with prayers from the Church of Scotland, links to the Moderators daily reflections (which are first class), jigsaw puzzles featuring our beautiful Church Windows, and personal prayers, You can interact and comment on everything that is uploaded. <https://www.facebook.com/avrscolumba/>

I have the names of a few volunteers who are willing to help in any way that they can and some who will give you a phone call for a chat – do not feel that we have forgotten you or do not understand your isolation – we are still here to help in any way possible. The Satellite Office phone number is 01292 265794 – I am happy to take your call.

With the help of our elders we have sent out over 100 “Thinking of you” cards to our most isolated members.

Sadly, we are not able to send flowers, but Elaine is still sending out 80+ birthday cards, so if you are not on our birthday list and have an upcoming birthday – please let us know.

Please remember that, unless you are on a duty team, an elder or serve on a committee we do not necessarily have a note of your phone number. Your elder will have been in touch and may have asked for a contact number - this is simply to help us keep in touch.

We are trying our very best to keep in touch with as many people as possible and we are so mindful of those whom we cannot reach. Do not be shy—help us to help you or someone you know in any way that we are able. Call the office if you think we can make things easier.

Lockdown has given me the opportunity to connect via Zoom with cousins in the US and Canada which is amazing and some of my friends nearer home. I am part of a Crochet Group and we meet online – I have a long way to go before I will be proficient, but it is good fun! Our garden is looking quite smart too. I have even managed to complete a couple of very difficult jigsaws! Whatever you are doing to keep your spirits up I hope you are safe and well.

Irene

COLUMBA NEWS COPY DEADLINE

Please note the deadline for the early September edition will be
Sunday, August 9

Norman Reid, Editor

The Guild

“Whose we are and Whom we serve”

A few days ago, I watched the film “The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society” set during the occupation of Guernsey in the Second World War. One of the characters quoted that they felt *“starved of company and fellowship”*.

That immediately rang bells and brought home to me what we all have been experiencing since the Guild last met on 16th March.

Since that date, Maureen, our Secretary, has the Syllabus planned for next Session, but we may have to delay our starting date until it is safe to meet again.

The Guild Annual Gathering at Dundee on 5th September has already been cancelled.

Elizabeth, our Treasurer, has the Accounts up-to-date and our surplus funds of £800 have been donated to Ayrshire Cancer Support and the Guild Project for Crossreach, in addition to the £1,000 already donated this year to Guild Projects.

You, as members, have not been forgotten and Maureen, Elizabeth and I, and all the Committee, have made good use of our telephones to try to keep in touch since Lockdown.

We will continue to do so.

On behalf of the Office Bearers and Committee, I wish you all Good Health and God’s Blessing till we can announce the day when we are able to come together again in Fellowship

Dorothy Bone,

Convener

Summer

*I love to see the summer beaming forth
And white wool sack clouds sailing to the north
I love to see the wild flowers come again
And mare blobs stain with gold the meadow drain
And water lilies whiten on the floods
Where reed clumps rustle like a wind shook wood
Where from her hiding place the Moor Hen pushes
And seeks her flag nest floating in bull rushes
I like the willow leaning half way o’er
The clear deep lake to stand upon its shore
I love the hay grass when the flower head swings
To summer winds and insects happy wings
That sport about the meadow the bright day
And see bright beetles in the clear lake play*

John Clare (1793-1864)

Issue	Occasion	Copy Deadline	Collation Day (Publications Comm)	Publication Day
September	Start of Season	Sunday, 16 August	Friday, 4 September	Sunday, 6 September
Autumn	October Communion	Sunday, 20 September	Friday, 9 October	Sunday, 11 October
Christmas	Christmas	Sunday, 1 November	Friday, 20 November	Sunday, 22 November
Winter	January Communion	Sunday, 20 December	Friday, 15 January	Sunday, 17 January
Spring	April Communion	Sunday, 21 March	Friday, 9 April	Sunday, 11 April
Summer	June Communion	Sunday, 23 May	Friday, 11 June	Sunday, 13 June

Columba News deadlines for 2020/2021

*These dates are in
place but could change
if we are sadly still
under this dreadful
pandemic*

Trinity Sunday

In meditation, the doctrine of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is brought alive. It becomes a vehicle for a mystical experience of spiritual intimacy: a complex philosophical idea is transformed into a means of grace. Within the Orthodox tradition

of Christianity, icons are best understood as visual representations of the written Word. They are treated with the same respect as Scripture. An iconographer can only begin to paint after prayer, meditation and fasting, and the finished work must be consistent with the orthodox teaching of the Church.



Andrei Rublev's icon of the Trinity is a masterpiece. We don't so much look at an icon as gaze into one. Before reading Scripture, it is best we still ourselves and are at peace in order to be ready to receive the hints and suggestions and a sense of the Presence that may come our way. So too with gazing into an icon. From this place of inner silence, gaze now into the icon of the Trinity.

The three (winged) figures are, in fact, the angelic visitors to Abraham (Genesis 18) and the tree at the back represents the sacred trees of Mamre. Rublev saw the Trinity in these visitors. The figure on the left is God the Father, the central figure is God the Son and the figure on the right is the Holy Spirit. The Son and Holy Spirit gently bow their heads to the Father. As we gaze into this icon, our eyes too are drawn towards the Father. The blue tunics represent divinity while the brown/red on the central figure represents Christ's humanity. The buildings at the top left suggest that the Presence of the Trinity may be experienced in the city as well as the mountain top. The central figure has two extended fingers confirming that He is the Second Person of the Trinity.

The three figures are seated round a table on which we see the cup of suffering. At the front, there is a space: that space is for you. The right hand of the Holy Spirit gently invites you to enter the circle. The Dutch priest, Henri Nouwen, tells the story of the time in his life when he experienced a deep personal crisis. He was broken, completely devastated and could no longer pray. Words made him cry. For hours in silence he gazed into this icon. The more time he spent gazing the more he saw and, in time, he came to realise that his silent gazing was his prayer. He felt himself embraced, enveloped in the circle of love. Broken, perhaps ashamed or riddled with a feeling of failure, Nouwen felt the Presence of the Holy around him and within.

The figures have large eyes which represents the watchfulness that accompanies love. They have small mouths because in spiritual intimacy something is lost when we try to put it into words. The climax of Christian worship is silence. Nouwen said that having gazed into the icon for hours each day there came a point that wherever he went he could, in his mind's eye, see the Trinity before him and feel the Sacred Presence around him. In the shopping centre, the high street or the library, we can enter the silent land, each moment a sacrament. That space at the front is for you.

Scott

Before Isolation





**Burns Supper
2020**



Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty

The coronavirus outbreak threatens the health of our neighbours near and far. Together we must respond quickly to help the most vulnerable.

Coronavirus has shown us that our futures are bound more tightly together than ever before. And now it is spreading across the world's poorest countries, putting people living in poverty at great risk.

These people are already facing a lack of water, food and healthcare. Some are homeless. Some are living with underlying health issues such as HIV.

As coronavirus infection rates speed up, they will feel the impacts of the virus deeply. We must respond now. Coronavirus impacts all of us. But love unites us all.

[Please donate today](https://www.christianaid.org.uk) via their website www.christianaid.org.uk

Christian Aid's response

Together with our local partners, we are working quickly to limit the impact of coronavirus in some of the most vulnerable communities around the world.

- We are drawing on our experience from the Ebola crisis and helping communities to prevent and delay infection.
- We are providing essential soap, water and handwashing training.
- We are ensuring urgent health messages get through to help keep people safe.
We are working through our networks of church partners and faith-based organisations to reach the most vulnerable at this critical time.

We're responding now

Christian Aid is responding to the coronavirus outbreak in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean.

We're working together with partners and faith leaders to inform people about the risks, offering hygiene and hand washing sessions, equipping health facilities with supplies and providing training to frontline aid workers.

We're providing food packages to some of the most marginalised families and ensuring protection for women affected by domestic violence.

Try this puzzle to help pass the time

In this Sudoku challenge the same rules apply as for normal Sudoku, except that the nine numbers have been replaced with the nine letters of ST COLUMBA. This means that each row, each column and each small, nine-square box must contain these nine letters. Can you complete it? *The solution is over the page.*

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CrossReach News

People donated more than £12,500 to help safeguard “vital” social care services run by the Church of Scotland.

The money was raised for CrossReach through the 2.6 Challenge which saw people including the Moderator of the General Assembly undertake fun activities that incorporated the numbers two and six.

Rt Rev Colin Sinclair climbed 26 stairs in his manse 50 times in 26 minutes and his wife Ruth completed 26 climbs in the same timeframe to raise more than £5,500.

The Guild raised more than £4,000 by making and eating bowls of soup.

He said: “We were delighted to be involved in the 2.6 challenge to support CrossReach which represents Christian love in action and focuses on helping people flourish and lead fuller lives.

“We are so appreciative of all those who sponsored us or who gave to the charity in other ways.

Christian love in action

CrossReach is the operating name of the Church’s Social Care Council, established in 1869, and supports 10,000 vulnerable people of all ages a year in Scotland.

The 2.6 Challenge is a UK-wide initiative which enabled people to raise and donate money for charities of their choice.

It is inspired by the 26-mile London Marathon which was supposed to be held on April 26 but it was cancelled due to the pandemic.

St Columba's Kids

St Columba's Kids are on a hiatus while activities at church are suspended and the school buildings are closed. However, through this time although we aren't meeting together in person we still want to be here to support our children and families in our church in order to nurture the faith of your families as they grow.

Every so often on a Sunday we are posting a song for the family that is geared towards children and we encourage you to explore the scriptures with them just now. There are some excellent resources available for us to explore and I have listed these further down.

ACTIVITY AT HOME

If you are looking for a way to explore Christianity with your child, then why not try these activities:

CHALLENGE – Build a lighthouse in your house or garden. (This can be indoors with a tower of cushions on chairs or outside using whatever materials you can find in the shed and top it off with a torch or a camping lantern)

GATHER – As it starts to get dark gather at your lighthouse (or if inside then shut the curtains and turn out the other lights)

SONG – Search up Rend Collective's song "My Lighthouse" on YouTube (there's also an actions version) and sing along.

STORY – Read John 8:12 with your children. Use this to explore at an age appropriate level the idea of Jesus as a light in the darkness – a focus for hope, reassurance and sign of God's love for us.

BEDTIME – Before bed if you have younger children you may want to watch Story Time with Ali on the Rend Co. Kids YouTube channel where she is reading the story book of "My Lighthouse".

RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME

For Parents:

<https://m.facebook.com/rendcollective> - Rend Collective (the Irish worship band) are offering

the Socially Distant Worship Club via Facebook every Thursday 10pm.

For Children:

<https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app-for-kids/> -

The Bible App for kids offers interactive adventures and animation allowing kids to explore the big stories of the Bible for themselves.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/oobproductions/featured> -

Out of the Box Productions (Christian Outreach Through Performing Arts), based in Inverness are offering a weekly series for kids, with the first series being based on the armour of God and a new series that just started last week with the theme Navigate via Youtube.

For Teens:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/grow-your-faith-voke/id1056168356> -

Voke allows teens to go deeper in their relationship with God - this offers a safe, digital platform to stay connected around unique video series on following Jesus.

We look forward to the time when we can gather together again as a community.

Solution to St. Columba Sudoku

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Congregational Register

December - May

New Members

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*And with the morn those angel faces smile,
which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!*

Deaths

Mrs Winifred Howie
Mrs Ellen Faulds
Mrs Jean Sutherland
Miss Jennifer Wilson
Mrs Diana Johnson
Mrs Violet Davidson
Mrs Agnes Friend
Miss Catherine Howie
Mr Frake Hill
Mr Matt McLeish
Mr David Kelly
Mr Tom Connaughton
Mrs Isabel McDougall
Mrs Janet Wilson
Mrs. Jeanette Young
Mr Willie Chalmers
Miss Sheena Struthers
Mrs Catherine Murray
Mr Gavin Orr
Mr Peter Maclaren
Mrs Edith McMahon
Mrs. Joan Dunlop
Mr Archie Fulton
Mrs. Irene Wybar
Mr George McCracken
Mrs Mary Stadler
Mrs Helen Skinner
Mrs Morag Orr

Windyhall Care Home, Ayr
26 Old Hillfoot Road, Ayr
7 Fenwickland Avenue, Ayr
26 St Leonard's Wynd, Ayr
16 Dunchurch Highway, Coventry
16 Dalblair Court, Ayr
Hillfoot Road, Ayr
23 Springbank Garden, Dunblane
Lochside Parish
49 Newton Park Court, Ayr
Claremont Care Home, Ayr
Flat 23, Kyle Court, Ayr
15 Dalblair Court, Ayr
73 Hawkhill Avenue, Ayr
85e Victoria Court, Ayr
1 Doonbank Park, Ayr
19 Taybank Drive, Ayr
45 Holmston Drive, Ayr
30 Auchenbeg Crescent, Ayr
Glenfairn Care Home, Ayr
Temple House Nursing Home, Mossblown
104 St Leonard's Road, Ayr
Glenfairn Care Home, Ayr
Berelands Care Home, Prestwick
Windyhall Care Home, Ayr
South Lodge Care Home, Ayr
33 Castle Square, Ayr
Windyhall Care Home, Ayr

Closing Thoughts

Always set an example. Treat everyone with kindness and respect, even those who are rude to you, not because they are nice, but because YOU are. And do your best to be thankful for rude and difficult people too - they serve as great reminders of how not to be.

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9.30am - Family Service;
10am Sunday School,
11.15 - Morning Worship;
6.30pm - Evening Services
(Last Sunday of the month)

Church Services (Lochside):

10am Morning Worship

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What's on in the halls

MONDAY

5.30pm **RAINBOW BROWNIES**
Aynsley Bell, 07914 842118

7.30pm: **THE GUILD** (fortnightly):
Mrs D. Bone, 441651

7.30pm: **MEN'S ASSOCIATION**
(fortnightly): Mr T. R. Swinn, 441896

7.30pm: **LADIES FELLOWSHIP**
(fortnightly): Linda Sharp, 286951

WEDNESDAY

2pm: **HOLY COMMUNION** (4th Wed):
Church Office, 269524

2pm: **FITNESS with FRIENDS:**
Mrs Margaret Doncaster, 477381

5.45pm: **9th AYR BROWNIES,**
Mrs E. MacDonald, 445529

7.30pm: **GIRL GUIDES:**
Susan Christie. 442374

7.30pm: **9th AYR RANGER GUIDES**
(every second Wednesday):
Susan Christie, 442374

THURSDAY

10.30am: **OASIS CAFE:** Mrs Rene Kidd

10.20am: **LADIES BADMINTON:**
Mrs Elizabeth MacDonald 445529

2pm: **MEN'S ASSOCIATION GAMES:**
Mr R. Park. 268788

6.30pm: **CUB SCOUTS:**
Mr D. Hope, 263376

7.30pm: **SENIOR CHOIR:**
Church Office 269524

FRIDAY

6pm: **BEAVER SCOUTS:**
Fiona Wilson, 290414

7.30pm: **SCOUTS:**
Jereon Bolte, 07511489755

SATURDAY

4pm: **MESSY CHURCH**
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