



2022

From the Manse

“The minister and Kirk Session would like to record our heartfelt thanks to Kirsty Murray for her wonderful service as Session Clerk of Mauchline Parish Church. Kirsty has steered the congregation through difficult times during both the vacancy and the COVID period (with its host of rules and regulations) and has given herself wholeheartedly to the duties of Session Clerk and to many other tasks not contained in that particular ‘job description’.

The reason Kirsty is stepping back from such an important role is to take on board an even more onerous one – that of Presbytery Clerk in the new Presbytery of the South West of Scotland.

We wish Kirsty God’s richest blessing, His guidance and His care as she takes up this vital church role.

As we seek a replacement Clerk Russell Wyllie has agreed to be Session Clerk pro tem.”

“During the summer, the congregation, further to its vote to change constitution, has now received this new Constitution.

The most obvious change is that there will now not be any Congregational Board; instead matters of finance and fabric will be dealt with by separate committees who will report directly to the Kirk Session.

The Kirk Session has also formed two other committees, one dealing with areas of church mission and the other handling pastoral care concerns.

If anyone has an interest in serving on one of these four committees, which will help shape the policy and activities of the church, then please speak to the minister.”

Proposed Dates for Kirk Session committee meetings (C) and Kirk Session meetings (KS)

Meetings begin at 7:30pm and will be in the large hall unless otherwise intimated.

1st September (C)
15th September (KS)
6th October (C)
20th October (KS)
10th November (C)
24th November (KS)
1st December (C)
15th December (KS)
12th January 2023 (C)
26th January 2023 (KS)

If anyone wishes to become a member of Mauchline Church, there will be a meeting of all those interested on Tuesday 20th of September at 7:30pm in the Church hall. New members will be welcomed the following Sunday during the Church service.

Allan

Presbytery of the South West of Scotland

It has been a great privilege to serve the congregation of Mauchline first as Deputy and, since 2019, as Clerk to the Kirk Session.

However, as of the 31st of July I have stepped down from this role as I have accepted a full time position with the new Presbytery of the South West of Scotland. It is simply not possible to ignore the fact that the interests of this congregation may not be the same as the wishes of presbytery, and Mauchline Session Clerk must be in a position to state your case fully and without reservation – especially in this period of change.

Similarly, there may be occasions when it could appear to other congregations within presbytery that I was unfairly favouring my own local church if I continued to serve as your Clerk.

I am grateful for the help and support which I received from my fellow elders and, of course, from our previous Session Clerks and I shall continue as a member of the Kirk Session, offering what assistance I can to those who come after me.

Thanks are due to Alexis Lowe and the late Hugh Brown for their patience as well as to Rev. David Albon, Rev. Allan Vint and all who Moderated the Kirk Session or Stated Annual Meeting during the vacancy.

The largest Thank You is to all of you, for your understanding as Charlie chatted through the weekly intimations, for your courtesy through all the COVID restrictions and for your willingness to help out whenever required (often at short notice!)

Russell, who has generously agreed to stand in as Session Clerk on a temporary basis, has my gratitude and good wishes, and I am confident that, whoever takes on the Role in the future, they will find, as I did, that that truly is both a privilege and a pleasure. May God continue to be with us all as we move forward together as a congregation.

Kirsty Murray

Mauchline Parish Church Men's Club

Men's Club meetings start on Wednesday 14th September at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall.



The first meeting takes the form of a carpet bowls games night.

Please come along and join the fun or if you prefer have a good chat with everyone.

We look forward to an interesting and varied syllabus for the next session.

All welcome.

Willie Jardine

Calling all surfers

Web Statistics

The Google Analytics details for the web page show countries and numbers of visitors in the last three months

1 Jul - 31 Sep as shown below:

Country (No. Of Users)

United Kingdom(231), China(13),United States(23), Canada(5), Germany(2), Ireland(2), Australia(1),Belgium(1)

Youtube

Views of Allan's Sunday services over the same period of time are:

June 5(44), 12(38), 19(53), 26(75)

July 3(50), 10(29), 17(33), 24(23)

August 7(34), 14(33), 21(37) 28(21)

If you have any friends or relatives who use the World Wide Web, be sure to let them know about

www.mauchlineparish.org.uk and increase our audience.

Perhaps they might even wish to become virtual members (and it doesn't cost anything to join)

Organisations

Please ensure that you check your web page for any inaccuracies or old information.

If you find anything needs to be changed, then please let me know, so that I can ensure that our website remains fresh and up-to-date.

Jim Beck

The Guild 2022 - 2023

THEME "WEE SEEDS, BIG TREES"

OPENING MEETING MONDAY 10.10.22 at 1:30 pm in DUNLOP HALL
SPEAKER: REV ALLAN VINT

MEMBERSHIP FEE £14.00

OFFICE BEARERS

CONVENOR ISABEL SMITH

BUSINESS SEC. MARGARET FINNEY

MINUTE SEC.

SOCIAL SEC.

TREASURER

PROJECT PARTNER

RESOURCE

CO-ORDINATOR

JEAN GEALS

MARGARET HALL

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ISABEL GILLILAND

ENID WILKINSON

COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

ANNE BAINES,

PATRICIA BOWMAN, ISABEL GILLILAND,

JAN KELSO, JAN WALKER

The Guild

Can you believe it? Holidays are now over, and here we are, all going well, ready to start a new Guild session.

The new theme is "Wee Seeds, Big Trees".

Throughout the Old and New Testaments there are references to the planting and growing of seeds.

The beginning of something, which with God's care will flourish.

The Kingdom of God started small with only Jesus and the disciples.

It has grown, spread worldwide and now has countless followers.

During the break the Office-Bearers and Committee Members have been busy preparing the syllabus for the new session. Exciting times ahead.

Afternoon meetings proved to be popular so we will continue with this.

Meetings will be held on the 2nd and the 4th Mondays from October until March, at 1.30 pm in the Dunlop Hall.

The Opening Meeting will be on Monday 10th October 2022 and the speaker will be our minister Rev Allan Vint.

The Guild is a movement (membership open to men and women) which provides a welcoming meeting place and a place where fellowship is shared and friendships grow.

Look forward to meeting up again.

Everyone is most welcome to come along and join us.

Isobel Smith, Covenor

From your treasurer

Finance Report

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will be abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9 v 6-8.

I started off with the above passage as I know in our present economic climate, the soaring cost of living is

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affecting everyone in all sorts of ways, but we should always remember what God gave to us, His son Jesus Christ.

This report is based on figures up to 31st July 2022

Total receipts to date:	38,159.46
total expenditure to date:	<u>53,442.06</u>
deficit	15,282.60

I know this paints a bleak picture financially and I hope you are not too disheartened by it as there is so much more we can offer by way of our talents and our time as well as our giving.

We still have Gift Aid to claim and there has been a couple of larger expenses throughout the year so far. A dishwasher was purchased for the church halls at a cost of £2326 + electrical work.

Streaming equipment totalled £6,221 which was paid for by separate donations.

The Holy Fair teas raised an amazing total of £1,948.43 and our thanks go to all who helped and contributed on the day.

This year we are having our annual Giving Day on Saturday 24th September 2022 from 10-12 in the church halls. Tea, coffee and home baking will be served and a warm welcome will be extended to everyone.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who contributes on a regular basis and for this I, as treasurer am very grateful.

Yours in Christ
Elizabeth Morris

Christian Aid Week

This year Christian Aid week was held on 15-22nd May. We placed envelopes on the pews again this year as it was decided that a door to door collection within the village wasn't possible during Christian Aid week. Also collecting cans were placed in some shops within the village.

I have to thank everyone who contributed for their wonderful support of this vital work. We raised an amazing total of £660.96, which was sent to Christian Aid and this enables them to help families around the world transform their lives.

Elizabeth Morris

The volunteers at Cumnock food bank are always so grateful for the donations from Mauchline Parish Church.

In fact, when I was there the other day I was told, 'We don't know what we'd do without you.' High praise indeed!

This year our harvest celebration will take place on 2nd October and, as in previous years, donations will go to the local food bank.

However, any monetary donations will be sent to a designated charity as yet to be decided.

Should you wish to donate food, dried, tinned, diluting juice and toiletries are most welcome but they were keen to emphasise that ANY donation is much appreciated. The following items in particular were mentioned –

- Tins of veg
- Packet noodles, eg Supernoodles
- Tins of cold meat (Corned beef, ham, etc)
- Tins custard /rice and tinned fruit
- Jars of pasta sauce

It seems that Farmfoods and Asda have some good cheap ranges.

Just a reminder that items can be left in the box in the Clarke Memorial Vestibule, dropped off to Elizabeth at 17A Station Road, or I can collect them if you phone me on 07864279285.

Thank you all once again for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.
Sheena Davidson

Congregational Register

New Members by Profession of Faith

Certificate of Transfer issued to

Admitted by Certificate

Weddings

Baptisms

Mauchline Funerals

Mr J. Ferguson, 6 Campbell Avenue, Mauchline
Died 15.6.22

Mrs E. Harkness, c/o Glennie House, Auchinleck
Died 20.6.22

Dates For the diary



September

- 18th September - Dedication of Organisations
- 24th September - Annual Gift Day
- 25th September - Ordination of New Elders and Welcoming New Members

October

- 2nd October - Harvest Thanksgiving

AUTUMN RECIPE:

If you are looking for a slice of something nice, you won't go far wrong with the recipe below.

—BAKI

Wholemeal Chocolate Cake

<u>100g (4oz) wholemeal flour</u>	} mix
<u>50g (2oz) drinking chocolate</u>	
<u>2 teaspoons baking powder</u>	

150g (6oz) butter

100g (4oz) dark brown sugar

2 tablespoons honey

3 (size 3) eggs

3 tablespoons milk

<u>140ml (½ pint) double cream</u>	} filling
<u>1 tablespoon lemon juice</u>	
<u>1 large banana, mashed</u>	

75g (3oz) plain or milk chocolate – topping

Oven temperature: 180°C/350°F/No. 4

Position in oven: Centre

Time in oven: 35 minutes

Method

- Grease and line two 18cm (7 inch) cake tins.
- Cream butter, sugar and honey then beat in eggs one at a time.
- Fold in flour mixture then blend in milk.
- Divide mixture between the two tins.
- Bake until well risen and firm to touch. Cool.
- Whip cream and fold through banana and lemon juice. Sandwich cake together with cream.
- Melt chocolate and smooth over top of cake. Allow chocolate to set before serving.

Who's Who & Where

Minister

Rev Allan Vint, Mail: avint@churchofscotland.org.uk

Acting Session Clerk:

Mr Russell A Wylie

Treasurer:

Mrs Elizabeth Morris

Deputy Treasurer:

Vacancy

Clerk to the Board:

Vacancy

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Mrs Isabel Smith

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Footnote

