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From the Minister – *Rev Dr Allan Vint*



On Monday 19th September the nation said its farewell to Queen Elizabeth with funeral services in Westminster and Windsor. Prior to this, we in Scotland were able to share our own time with her as she lay within St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh. The reign of Elizabeth has been remarkable for all

kinds of reasons. She has obviously been on the throne for a considerable time, although what really stands out for most people has been her steadfast obligation to duty, her kindly manner, her radiant smile and her unfailing service to this country and countries around the world.

For me, as a Christian minister, I have always been taken with her unashamed willingness to find strength and hope in her faith. The Queen was an avowed Christian believer and she made no secret of it. When she was staying in Balmoral, she was a regular worshipper at Crathie Kirk. In life, her faith informed and inspired her life and her service. In death, her faith will have brought her into the presence of the King of Kings!

On the Sunday before the funeral, we read in the Bible: *“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.” (Rom 10)*

Yes, we believe that the Queen has entered eternity, now one of the multitude of believers who hears God say, *‘Well done, good and faithful servant! ...Come and share your master’s happiness!’(Matthew 25)*

We give God thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth, and we pray for Charles as he ascends now to the throne, hopeful that he will follow the wonderful example his mother has set for him.

God Save The King!



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Christian Aid Week



This year Christian Aid week was held earlier in May. Envelopes were placed 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. However, collecting cans were also 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, this enables them to help families around the world transform their lives.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

Elizabeth Morris

Men's Fellowship

Meetings began again on Wednesday 14th September 2022 and are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in the Church Hall. We have a monthly games night, (carpet bowls and a friendly chat with members) and a monthly speaker.

We are a cheery group and would welcome all who wish to join us. If you would like more information, then please contact Mr Jardine 01290 550447

The Guild

Can you believe it? Holidays are now over, and here we are, all going well, now started a new Guild session. The theme for the year 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.



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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 Dr 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. We look forward to meeting up again.

Everyone is most welcome to come along and join us.
Isobel Smith, Convenor

Local Food Bank

The volunteers at our local food bank in Cumnock are always so grateful for donations. 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



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It seems that Farmfoods and Asda have some good and less expensive ranges. Just a reminder that items can be left in a box in the Church Vestibule.

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

Children & Church

Please note that children are very welcome to come with parents or grandparents each Sunday. Following a short talk to the children there will be child friendly activities in the church hall. All are very welcome.

Church Online

You are invited to come and join us at Mauchline Church online. Each week our Sunday service is streamed live to Facebook and YouTube and then afterwards remains available for viewing at your convenience.



If you are unable to attend in person, why not pop in and join our local and international online congregation?



YouTube can even provide automatic subtitles for those that require it.



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