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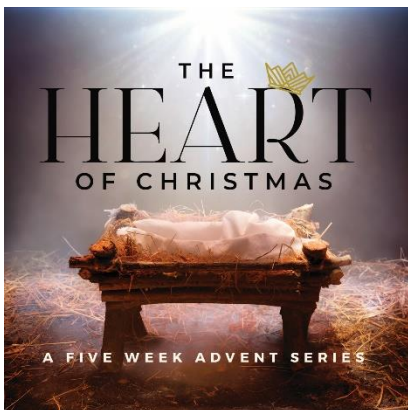
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From the Minister – *Rev Dr Allan Vint*



It was an honour on the 13th of November to lead the annual service of Remembrance in Mauchline Church and at the War Memorial. This is such an important occasion as we take time to give thanks for all who make the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. This year we took as our theme ‘Heroes’, recalling Archie Perry who had been assistant scoutmaster at the 1st Mauchline Scouts. We heard how, aged 13, he had rescued another boy from the river Avon, near where he lived at the time. This man then aged 17 headed off to Kilmarnock to join the war effort – his service took him to France but sadly there his life ended. His name is not recorded on our local war memorial and I suspect his heroism both home and abroad was largely unknown. Let us never forget the cost borne by those known and unknown to us who ensured our liberties.



In entering into December our mind naturally turn to Christmas and all that it will contain. At Mauchline church we will be moving through the Advent period by giving special consideration to the themes that lie at the Heart of Christmas – Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. In reaching the 25th of December we will have a special Christmas service celebrating the gift of God in Jesus.

All our services are open and anyone can attend – it would be great to see you there.



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Christmas Services and Times

4th December **10am** Sorn Church **11:15am** Mauchline Church

11th December **10am** Sorn Church **11:15am** Mauchline Church

6pm Mauchline Church – Carols and Advent Reflections

18th December **10am** Sorn Church **11:15am** Mauchline Church

Nativity Service

24th December **6pm** Mauchline Church – Christmas Eve Service

11:30pm Sorn Church – Christmas Eve Midnight Service

25th December **11am** Mauchline Church – Christmas Day Service

1st January **11am** Sorn Church – New Years Day Service

8th January **11am** Mauchline Church



The Church of Scotland Guild is a movement within the Church of Scotland which invites and encourages both women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action. With around 15,000 members, the Guild is one of Scotland's largest voluntary organisations.

Guild Meeting Dates 2023 - Mauchline Church Hall 1pm

January 9 th	Rev George Fiddes – Guest Speaker
January 23 rd	‘Scots Afternoon’ – Ian Lyall
February 13 th	‘ Still Keeping Fit’ – Jan Walker
February 27 th	Vine Trust Project



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Men's Fellowship

There was a good attendance at the Men's Fellowship on the 29th of October to hear the Mauchline minister, Rev Dr Allan Vint, speak about his route into the Church of Scotland ministry. Entitled '*Miner's Son to Manse*' it set out his growing up within a small West Lothian mining village before heading off to



Aberdeen University to study Computer Science. The life story, full of twists and turns, shared how God would eventually call Allan to leave his chosen career path to apply for the ministry. The process would lead to Allan to put on his clerical collar just as the infamous 'Piper Alpha Disaster' affected the lives of so many – including his own, as he became involved in the care of the bereaved and injured in his Aberdeen parish area. The fellowship will hear part two of the minister's biography in 2023, perhaps called '*From Motherwell to Mauchline!*'.

Dates for 2023

January 11th - George English 'Family History – surnames and Mauchline through time'

January 25th Games Night

February 8th Games Night

February 22nd Evening with the Guild – 'Crossroads Hub'

Meetings held in Mauchline Church Hall. Games Nights 7pm, Speakers 7:30pm

It would be great to welcome you into the group



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Come and
join us for:



Advance Notice – for Parents of Primary School Children

On Saturday 11th of February Mauchline Church will be holding a Messy Church morning – from 10am until 1pm. This will be a fun filled time for parents and children together to share in a time of active learning about God's wonderful love. Look out for more information in the new year but put it in your diary now!

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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