



# Mauchline Parish Church

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**From the Minister – Rev Dr Allan Vint**

*“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness”*

*1 Timothy 2:1-2*

In these past weeks the Local Council elections have been held here in East Ayrshire, the results of that great exercise in local democracy mean that the people here in the Ballochmyle Ward 7 have chosen Linda Holland, Claire Leitch, William Lennox and Alyson Simmons to be their representatives and advocates. We wish to record our congratulations to each of them on their success, but more than that, we want to hold them in prayer before God. Our heavenward request is that they may each be faithful to the task appointed to them and granted all wisdom, strength, and energy to serve the people well.

In this next period of time, we will have the opportunity to also give thanks for Elizabeth our Queen whose period of service to this country, and indeed others, now spans 70 years.



Elizabeth has clearly sought to do her best in the task given to her and for that we want to give God thanks.

The Queen has always been very open about her own Christian faith and conviction. She has found that to be a source of strength and of peace particularly when facing difficult or troubled times. Our prayer for her, in these closing years of her reign, is that she will continue to know God’s presence, His peace and His help in the challenges she faces. May her steadfast spirit of public service inspire others as they lead locally, nationally or internationally.

*“I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian Gospel”*



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#### **Christian Aid 2022**



*“Everyone is equal in the sight of God. For over 75 years, this truth has inspired us to stand together in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours, of all faiths and none. Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive.*

*We seek to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes. Together with people living in poverty, we amplify our voices to speak truth to power and create lasting change.”*

Many thanks to everyone who contributed towards this year’s annual Christian Aid appeal. If you were unable to pick up an envelope, then you can still help the world’s poorest by heading to <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals>

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#### **Mauchline Off Peak Badminton Club**

Looking for some exercise and friendly chat then why not come and join us at the Mauchline church hall? We are hoping to restart the club on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022. We are a friendly, non-competitive group and warmly invite new members to join us for some enjoyable badminton games and of course relax with a well-earned tea/coffee and biscuit. This invitation is open to all members of the public.

We meet on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm – 3.30pm and on Wednesday mornings from 10am – 12 noon.

If you would like further information please contact Linda McLelland, Jennifer or John McMurray or June Allan

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Find us @ <https://www.facebook.com/Mauchline.Sorn> or  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPiMQjgez9yQ0-LISUIultQ>  
(or [www.mauchlineparish.org.uk](http://www.mauchlineparish.org.uk) )



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#### Shopper's Lunch

It was a real joy to get together again for our monthly Shopper's Lunch. The buzz of chat and happy interaction aided by delicious food and refreshing drinks was a great encouragement to continue with this precious activity. We plan to have our next Lunch on the third Thursday of June with a pause over the summer to recommence in September. We would be delighted to welcome everyone to share in a generous slice of warm Mauchline hospitality and friendship.

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*The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.  
They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them.  
Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world*



*Images taken  
recently from  
Mauchline*





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#### **The Parish Church**



Mauchline Parish Church, as part of the national Church of Scotland, seeks to inspire the people of Scotland and beyond with the Good News of Jesus Christ through enthusiastic worshipping, witnessing, nurturing and serving communities.

We are here to bring to the local community with what is referred to as ‘the ordinances of the Christian religion’, which in addition to Sunday worship services might also include:

#### **Baptism**

Baptism is one of the two sacraments recognised by the Church of Scotland, the other being the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In the case of infant baptism, the Church expects at least one parent or other close family member either to be a member of the Church or willing to become a member.

In the baptismal service those appropriate adults profess their own faith and promise to give the child a Christian upbringing.

In the case of adult baptism, the person themselves makes the appropriate promises.

#### **The Thanksgiving and Blessing of a Child**

Since 2003, the Church has provided orders for the thanksgiving for, and blessing of, a child. The blessing ceremony follows a similar pattern as that for Baptism, except the wording and promises are different, and no water is used. Nothing is required of the parents in either commitment or belief, except a desire to give God thanks for their child and to see His blessing.

#### **Christian Marriage**

Ministers of the Church of Scotland are authorised to perform weddings. Ministers are free to marry people who are not members of the Church of Scotland.

#### **Funeral Services**

Through its parish system and local ministry, the Church of Scotland seeks to serve all the people of Scotland and not just the membership of the Church. Nobody in the situation of bereavement should hesitate to seek the services of the parish minister, either directly or through the undertaker.