



Mauchline Parish Church

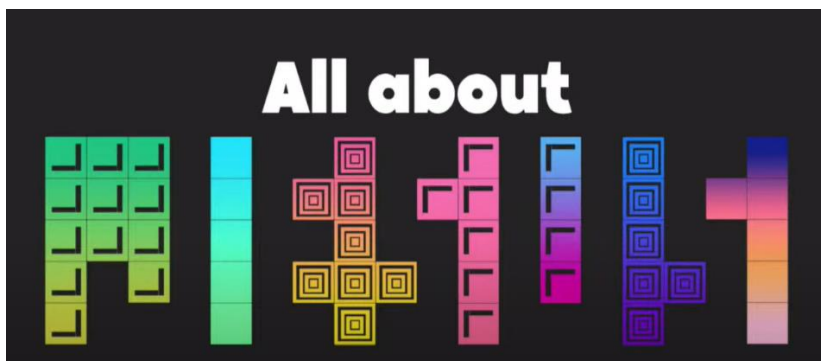
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From the Minister – *Rev Dr Allan Vint*

Christmas seems now a distant but happy memory. This year, after the various restrictions of the covid period, it was great to have people back in church singing and enjoying traditional celebrations. We were delighted this year to be joined by Tarbolton, Annbank and Sorn folks for a special Advent service together with their minister Rev Mandy Ralph. The Nativity, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services were likewise joyful reminders of what Christmas is really all about.



Now as we come into 2023, we are excited by what lies ahead. On the next page you will note that we are looking forward to our first ‘Messy Church’ – a special time to gather as adults and children to learn through play, crafts, songs and story about the wonderful messages of God’s love, grace and goodness towards all ages.

To register for this event, fill out the form on <http://church.mauchline.info>

Of course, everyone is welcome to attend our Sunday services at 10:15am in Mauchline or indeed any of our groups or special events (there is no need to be a church member!) A famous Archbishop once remarked.

“The Church is the only institution that exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members.”



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A fresh new way of
experiencing church.....
for children & parents/
carers to enjoy together.

(all ages welcome)!

Crafts & activities,
stories & music,
Sharing food.



Saturday 11th February 2023

From 10am until 1pm

THEME : A New Start

Mauchline Church Hall

9.55am : Doors open but come along when you can,
you are never late for Messy Church.

10am : Crafts and activities for all ages and interests.

11.45am : Bible story with music & videos

12.15pm : Lunch (provided)

12.50pm : Quiet time and goodbyes.





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Christmas Eve Offerings

This year the Kirk Session agreed to support the following charities, which are Cystinosis Foundation and our local Foodbank.



Cystinosis

This is a rare, genetic disease, which is diagnosed early in childhood, usually before the age of two. It is estimated that cystinosis occurs somewhere between 1 in 100,00 to 1 in 200,000 live births. There are 2 or 3 new cases of cystinosis diagnosed each year in the UK. The problem in cystinosis is an increase in many parts of the body of a natural chemical, an amino acid called cystine. This build up causes cystine crystals to form in many organs of the body. These crystals form firstly in the kidneys, and the eyes, and later in the muscles, pancreas, thyroid gland and white blood cells. There is a lot of research into medicines to help stop the build up of cystine crystals and hopefully eventually a cure will be found. There are medicines which help delay the symptoms, these must be taken on a strict regime which means patients taking medications every couple of hours every day. Some of these medicines have horrible side effects. It is hoped further research will find new medications and treatments. Cystinosis Foundation UK is run entirely by volunteers so all money donated goes directly to the research for medication.

Foodbank

As a church we support the local foodbank in Cumnock on a regular basis. In this time of hardship for many people let us remember those less fortunate than ourselves. The foodbank in Cumnock is also struggling to keep up with the increasing demand on their services.

Jesus said "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Luke 6 20-21"

Let us give we can and bring hope to those who suffer.



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. Guild Meeting - Mauchline Church Hall 1pm

February 13 th	‘Still Keeping Fit’ – Jan Walker
February 27 th	Vine Trust Project
March 3 rd	World Day of Prayer <i>(St. Patrick’s Church, Auchenleck)</i>
March 13th	Business Meeting

Men’s Fellowship – Mauchline Church Hall (Games Nights 7pm/ Talks 7.30pm)

February 8 th	Games Night
February 27 th	Evening with Guild (Crossroads Hub)
March 8 th	Games Night
March 27 th	Colin Campbell <i>Brief History of the Haugh, Mauchline</i>

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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