

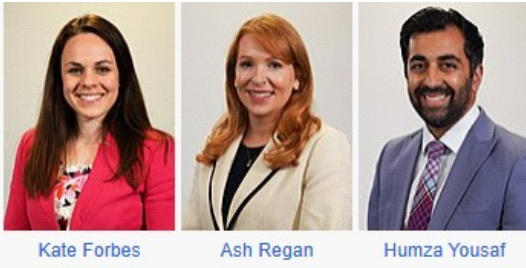


2023

From the Minister – *Rev Dr Allan Vint*

In the everchanging world of politics there is yet another leadership election.

As I write, this current contest centres around who will be the next leader of the SNP and likely then to become Scotland's First Minister.



Kate Forbes

Ash Regan

Humza Yousaf

In due course the result will be announced, and the individual will take on their new responsibilities – but only for a time. It may be weeks, months or years but, as sure as day follows night, they will eventually be replaced, and another will follow after them – such is the way of the world.

This Lent and Easter season is however a great reminder of another leader – one whose triumph was not at an election box – but of much greater significance and importance.

Long ago Jesus contested against the powers of sin and death on our behalf.

He took on an opponent whose aim was to bring us present misery and to destroy our future.

Jesus had behind him the backing of Almighty God, who longed for the time when his creation could again be free from the shackles of sin's oppression and limitation. Jesus willingly took on the task of standing with us and for us.

His leadership through life was inspirational, even awe inspiring, but it was nothing compared to his amazing servant leadership in willingly laying down his life for us, his people.

Yes, Jesus died for us!

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom 5:8

More amazing still is the fact (and it is a fact undisputed by the agreed evidence) that he rose again.

This was the proof that death had been defeated, that with Jesus a future had been won and that trust in Jesus would bring us not just temporary help but a secure eternity in his presence and love.

You may or may not have had a vote in this political leadership election, but we all have a decision to make with regards to the leadership of Jesus – will we trust him and follow him?

Will we serve his cause and so enjoy the benefits he alone can bring.

In this time of new beginnings, I would encourage everyone to consider carefully not only earthly things but the things of heaven.

May God bless you in this special season of Lent and Easter.

we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Cor 4:18

Long Service Awards

On Sunday 26th February, Rev Dr Allan Vint presented the Long Service Awards to our elders and between they had amassed 389 years of service. (The elder missing from the photos was Mr John Templeton)



Live Streaming





My sincere thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with the live-streaming services and for the church musicians who have, over these last weeks, led us so wonderfully in our worship.

Allan 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.

Find us @ <https://www.facebook.com/Mauchline.Sorn>
<https://www.youtube.com/@mandschurches>
(www.mauchlineparish.org.uk)



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

Messy Church is a time when families come together to enjoy being together, making things together, eating together and celebrating God together through his word, through music and through prayer.

In Messy Church we are a worshipping community of all ages, centred on Christ, showing Christian hospitality and having fun within a church context.

The Mission Committee decided to try this new venture for children in Mauchline and launched Messy Church on Saturday 11th February 2023.

The theme was "A New Start" and we learned all about Noah and how God gave the world a chance for a new start.

The committee and volunteers were delighted to welcome 44 children and 20 adults to our first event, and along with 13 helpers and 4 kitchen staff.

The morning was filled with fun and laughter and lots of happy children.

We made animal masks, rainbow pictures, potato print

animals, rainbow biscuits, animal bookmarks, rain sticks and enjoyed playing with toys and board games .

After all these fun activities we came together to enjoy the story of Noah on video, sing some songs before all gathering in the Dunlop Hall to enjoy lunch together.

The feedback we have received from the event has been very positive and we look forward to seeing the children and adults again on Saturday 1st April when the theme will be New Life and all activities will be based on the Easter Story

Annette Milton

Mauchline Church Men's Club

In December The Men's club enjoyed a tour of the Curlingstone Works before our excellent Christmas Lunch at the Fairburn Hotel.

Since then in January we had a Games night and we've had an interesting talk from George English on Mauchline history.

An enjoyable games night took place on 8th February and on 22nd February we invited the Guild to join us for a talk by Stuart Lyons from Crossroads Hub.

The Hub does a lot of community work in 6 Parishes along with running the excellent cafe and shop at the Hub. The informative talk was enjoyed by all.

Our March Meetings are -

March 8th Games Night and

March 22nd History of the Haugh by Colin Campbell.

The session closes on 12th April with the AGM.

We welcome all new and present members, meetings are held on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in the Church hall at 7.30pm.

Please come along and join our friendly group.

For more information contact Ian Watt or Willie Jardine, or any member as we are all committee members.!

The syllabus can be viewed on the church website.

Willie Jardine (president)

Fellowship Half Hour



We have now returned to serving tea/coffee in the Church Hall after the Sunday Service for anyone who is in need of a hot drink, or wishes to discuss the message of the day with the Minister, or just enjoy some time to catch up with friends. Do come along and join us - you will be made most welcome.



To all the willing helpers who make and serve the refreshments, thank you for the time you so happily give to make this possible.

If anyone else would like to join the group of individuals who serve the tea, please contact Grace Young, 07870 983269. The rota of helpers means that you would only be called on once every 6 or 7 weeks.

Grace Young
Tea Convenor

Calling all surfers

Web Statistics

Youtube

Views of Allan's Sunday Mauchline and Sorn Live Streamed Services over the same period of time are:

December 4(18), 11(23), 18(47), 23(30), 24(26)

January 8(26), 15(17), 22(31), 29(41)

February 5(28), 12(32), 19(26), 26(27)

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

Dates For the diary

Worship Dates and Events

April

1st 10-12.30pm Messy Church (Church Hall)

2nd 11:15am Family Palm Sunday Service

6th 7pm Maundy Thursday Service inc Communion
Sorn Church

7th 7pm Good Friday Service – Mauchline Church

9th 11:15am Easter Sunday Service

POSSIBLE MESSY CHURCH EASTER ACTIVITY AND RECIPE:

Cracking cress heads by Good Food Team



Children will love these eggshells with living cress 'hair', a great table decoration for Sunday lunch

Ingredients

2 eggs

You'll also need

2 tsp cress seeds, 2 cotton wool balls, felt-tip pens or acrylic paints

Method

STEP 1

Carefully remove the tops from the eggs, leaving the bottom two-thirds of the shells intact. Empty the shells (save the eggs for another time), then carefully wash them out. Decorate the shells with pens or paint, then leave them to dry.

STEP 2

Dip the cotton wool balls in a little water, squeezing off any excess. Place 1 ball inside each shell, then sprinkle 1 tsp cress seeds onto each one. Sit the filled shells in eggcups and leave in a dry, well-lit place for a week – a windowsill is perfect. Your cress will grow within a few days, perfect for making egg & cress sarnies!

Easter Egg Recipe by Good Food Team



Prep: 20 mins | Easy | Makes 20
Cook: 15 mins - 55 mins

Create the perfect cookie with a soft, chewy centre and crisp outer edge. Mini chocolate eggs, white and dark chocolate chunks make them an indulgent Easter treat

Freezable (Before baking) | Vegetarian

Nutrition: Per serving							
kcal	fat	saturates	carbs	sugars	fibre	protein	salt
241	11g	7g	31g	21g	1g	2g	0.3g

Ingredients

- 175g butter, softened
- 200g light brown soft sugar
- 100g golden caster sugar
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- 1 large egg
- 250g plain flour
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 50g white chocolate, chopped into chunks
- 100g bar dark chocolate, chopped into chunks
- 100g mini chocolate eggs, lightly crushed with a rolling pin, leaving some larger pieces to decorate

Method

STEP 1

Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5.
Line two baking sheets with baking parchment.
Tip the butter, sugars and vanilla into a bowl. Beat with a hand-held electric whisk until pale and fluffy. Add the egg and beat again. Tip in the flour, bicarb and a pinch of salt, then use a spatula to mix before adding the chocolate

chunks and about half the crushed mini eggs (set aside the larger pieces) and mix again until everything is combined.

STEP 2

Scoop golf-ball-sized mounds of cookie dough onto the baking sheets, making sure you leave plenty of space between each one. (You should fit 4-6 cookies on each, so you'll have to bake in batches to make the total 20 cookies.) Push the remaining mini egg pieces into the tops. *Can be frozen at this point for up to three months. Defrost thoroughly in the fridge before baking.* Bake for 15-18 mins, swapping the sheets around halfway through. For soft and chewy cookies, the cookies should be golden around the edges but still pale and soft in the middle. If you prefer a biscuit texture, you will need to bake them a little longer

STEP 3

Remove from the oven and leave to cool for 10 mins before transferring to a wire rack, then bake the second batch. Continue until all the cookies are baked.
Will keep in an airtight container for up to a week.

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Footnote

