

2023

From the Manse

From the Minister – Rev Dr Allan Vint

The 12th of June this year marks the 375th anniversary of the battle of Mauchline Moor. This event is remembered in Mauchline church through one of the local banners carried that day by one of the 2,000 strong ‘Kirk Party’ who demanded that Charles I accept the proper formation of the Presbyterian Church in Scotland and establish it in law. The opposing side from the Scottish Parliament Party (‘the engagers’) however, came up in force against this gathering and were victorious.



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GOVERNMENT AND
CROWN

Although the battle itself was lost, with a surprising low number of casualties, the Kirk Party went on to win the war, inspired surely by the courage of those who stood firm even against a superior force at Mauchline.

Following the brutal execution of Charles I by Oliver Cromwell and his party, the Scottish nation was quick in calling upon the son of Charles to return from exile and be crowned King in Scotland. This took place at the hallowed ground of Scone Palace on the 1st January 1651. In England, Cromwell set up a Republic and wishing no opposition in Scotland invaded and captured Charles. It was only after the death of Cromwell and the inability of his son to control parliament that Charles eventually became king over all of the United Kingdom.

It might be imagined that Charles would look on the Scots as friends and allies, but in the interim period he had been turned against the Covenanters and so began a period of terrible persecution for all who held to the reformed covenanted cause



The many grave markers which are to be found locally are testament to the brutality of Charles II reign and James after him.

Here lies the bodies of Peter Gillies, John Bryce, Thomas Young, William Fiddison, and John Bruning, who were apprehended and hanged without trial at Mauchline anno 1685, according to the then wicked laws for their adherence to the covenanted work of Reformation.

Thankfully with the eventual ascension of William and Mary to the throne, new laws and safeguards were put in place to protect the freedoms of the Church of Scotland to worship and to organise according to their interpretation of scripture.

It is notable that as Charles III took up his position as king, he took an oath to continue those same hard won protections and indeed in his declarations at the time of his coronation, vowed to protect freedom of religion for all groups and communities.



Today our fervent hope and earnest prayer is that King Charles III will remain true to his promises and indeed will prove to be a king who serves diligently following the example of Jesus – whom we hold as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Sorn Guild

It was a joy on Sunday 7th of May to present long service certificates to five current members of Sorn Guild. The service periods ranged from 30 years to an astonishing 70 years ! 240 years in total. Well done ladies.



Finance Report 2022

Our income in 2022 was not enough to cover our expenditure and resulted in a deficit of around £11,000. The 2022 accounts have been agreed by the Trustees and discussed at the recent Annual Stated meeting. The Treasurer’s report which was read out at the meeting was as follows :

2022 was still a challenging year for everyone with cost of living crisis and inflation going through the roof but the congregation of our church continue to give. Last year our Christian Aid collection was £536 and for this I am very grateful. We had a Gift Day last year and a tremendous total of £3384 was donated. Thanks to all who contributed. We dispensed with the services of accountants W Duncan & Co, mainly due to cost and Janice Taylor agreed to come on board the finance team. I must confess Janice has taken MPC finances and me into the 21st century with spreadsheets and knowledge of computers. I think you'll agree that the annual accounts are much easier to read and understand. Also during 2022 our Gift Aid convenor Dorothy Blane sadly passed away. Dorothy worked diligently on ensuring gift aid was up to date and sent to HMRC on time. For this we will always be grateful and she will be sadly missed within our team and congregation. Annette Milton has agreed to take on this role and I thank Annette for doing this. Thanks also to the full finance team, our Hall Lets Convenor, Jean Martin and lastly thanks to you the congregation who continue year on year to support the ongoing work of our church.

Elizabeth Morris
Treasurer

Elizabeth was also thanked for her time and dedication she gives to her role as church treasurer which is very much appreciated by everyone. She has a vast amount of knowledge and this has greatly helped Janice & Annette as they have taken on finance roles within the church.

2023

This year we have been fortunate to receive a legacy of £10,000 which has helped to balance the books.

For the year to 30th April 2023

Receipts	31,347.41
Expenditure	£18,670.58
surplus	£12,628.61

Following a letter campaign, we have received some extra donations over the past couple of months and this has helped to cover the monthly expenditure.

Elizabeth Morris & Janice Taylor
Treasurer & Assistant

Food Bank

Just a reminder that there's always a great need for donations of dried food, tins, packets, diluting juice, toilet rolls and toiletries. Items can be left in the box in the Clarke Memorial Vestibule and a big thank you for your continued support.
Sheena

Christian Aid

As we no longer do house to house collections in Christian Aid week, collection tins were placed in some of the shops within the village for one week 15th-22nd May. Christian Aid envelopes were placed in the pews on Sunday 15th May and 22nd May. Thank you on behalf of Christian Aid for your generous donations.
Elizabeth Morris, Co-ordinator



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 second Messy Church was held on Saturday 1st April 2023.

The theme for this day was New Life, with all activities based on the Easter message.

As it was the start of the school Easter holidays our numbers were down slightly with 22 children and 12 adults attending but everyone who did come along had a fantastic morning and once again we had a lovely, friendly atmosphere in the hall.

We watched a Davy the Donkey video about the Easter story before singing some action songs.

The children then went on to make Easter cards, chicken handprint pictures, stone rolled away biscuits,

egg baskets, Easter tree decorations and played lots of games. After all these fun activities we once again came together to enjoy lunch together.

Our next Messy Church will take place on Saturday 17th June where we will enjoy Coronation Celebrations while learning about who is King of Kings.

Look forward to seeing you all there

Annette Milton

Web Statistics

Youtube

Page overview

Last 28 days

Discovery

Post reach	3,515
Post engagement	1,302
New Page followers	5

Interactions

Reactions	428
Comments	105

Shoppers 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.

Lynne Vint

Dates For the diary

May

Mauchline Holy Fair

Saturday 27th 11.00am

June

Shoppers Lunch Saturday 17th June

Communion dates:

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on 4th June 2022 @ 11.15am

MID-SPRING RECIPE:

Here is a tasty treat that I am sure you will enjoy.

The perfect savoury cheese scone recipe – best eaten warm and spread liberally with butter!

These scones are so easy to whip up for lunch-boxes or Picnics.



FOOD

Cheese scones

Preparation time
less than 30 mins

Cooking time
10 to 30 mins

Serves
Makes 10 scones



Each serving provides 143 kcal, 3g protein, 18g carbohydrates (of which 1g sugars), 6.5g fat (of which 4g saturates), 1g fibre and 0.5g salt.

Ingredients

225g/8oz self-raising flour
pinch of salt
55g/2oz butter
25g/1oz mature cheddar, grated
150ml/5fl oz milk

Method

Heat the oven to 220C/200C Fan/Gas 7.

Lightly grease a baking sheet.

Mix together the flour and salt and rub in the butter.

Stir in the cheese and then the milk to get a soft dough.

Turn onto a floured work surface and knead very lightly.
Pat out to a round 2cm³/₄in thick.

Use a 5cm/2in cutter to stamp out rounds and place on the baking sheet.

Lightly knead together the rest of the dough and stamp out more scones to use it all up.

Brush the tops of the scones with a little milk.

Bake for 12–15 minutes until well risen and golden.

Cool on a wire rack.

Recipe Tips

These cheese scones freeze incredibly well.

Just wrap them well and use within 3 months.

Congregational Register

New Members By Profession of Faith

None

New Members By Resolution of the Kirk Session

None

New Members By Certificate of Transfer

None

Members Left By Certificate

None

Weddings

None

Baptisms

None

Mauchline Funerals

None

Who's Who & Where

Minister

Rev Dr Allan Vint, Mail: avint@churchofscotland.org.uk

Session Clerk:

Mrs Sue Crawshaw

Treasurer:

Mrs Elizabeth Morris

Deputy Treasurer:

Vacancy

Clerk to the Board:

Vacancy

Prayer Co-ordinator:

Mrs Sue Crawshaw

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Mrs Isabel Smith

Acting Organist:

Ms Skye Schendel

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Mrs Alexis Lowe

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Footnote



My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

PSALM 121:2

Our Daily Bread