

Mauchline Parish Church

Linked with Sorn Parish Church

Summer



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From the Manse

From the Minister – Rev Dr Allan Vint

I have been fortunate recently to have acquired a mini drone.

This small flying machine produces some quite stunning photographs from above (such as the pictures on this page). Taking images like these is fascinating as it



provides a quite different perspective or view on familiar and well-known sites.

Indeed, the aerial

viewpoint gives a wider and more expansive appreciation of not only the subject of the picture but where it lies in its surrounding environment.

This new appreciation reminded me that one of the real benefits of taking time to read the Bible is that, in this remarkable book, we are provided with a God’s eye view of the world, of humanity and of our own particular life. Having this heavenly standpoint allows God to wisely advise and direct us, knowing what lies ahead of us, what obstacles and problems we will face and how best we can traverse the landscape.

From our own vantage point at ground level we have a much more limited ability to find the best way forward.



In fact, whilst we remain earthbound, we will need an expert guide to help

towards that which is eternal. Thankfully, Jesus, (who is able to see everything), assures us that he knows ‘the way’ to the Father, the way to eternal life, the way to experience everlasting joy, peace and love.

The call of Jesus then is to lift our eyes to him, to trust him and follow him – he knows where he’s going.

Passionate Spirituality

You may remember that a few months back we conducted a church survey with a sample of church leaders and members.

This was to look at and identify possible areas for further church development and growth.

The results highlighted a need to concentrate on our individual and corporate spirituality.

This is an area of Christian Discipleship which would include our prayer life, our practice of reading the Scriptures and our active participation in regular Christian worship.

Our survey challenged us to review our practices in these areas and to consider how we can grow and develop our prayer life, our appreciation of the Bible and our active participation in congregational worship. The idea is to explore how we might better enjoy these basic Christian activities.



Our Daily Bread.

Over the past few months, I have been recommending that folks take away and

use the ‘Our Daily Bread’ bible reading notes which are available in the church vestibule. These booklets are free of charge and a great encouragement to myself and so many others.

These materials are also freely available online at <https://odb.org/> or via the ‘Our Daily Bread’ mobile phone app.

I would encourage you to try it out.

Mauchline Church Men’s Club

On Wednesday 7th June Mauchline Parish Church Men's Club enjoyed their summer outing to the Heritage Centre, Cumnock.

It was an excellent visit and many items on display brought back memories of bye gone days.

The visit was followed by a delicious lunch at The Fairburn Hotel Mauchline.

The outing was well attended.

Our meetings start on Wednesday 13th September in the Church Hall at 7.00pm with a games night.

The syllabus is being prepared and we look forward to interesting meetings during the next session.

Please come along.

We are a cheery group and everyone is very welcome.

Willie Jardine

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Finance Report

Total receipts Jan – June 2023 **£47,874.23**

Total expenditure Jan – June 2023 **£34,828.99**

Surplus Jan – June 2023 £13,045.24

This surplus includes a legacy of £10,000, which we were grateful to receive earlier in the year.

Christian Aid collections totalled £597.99 – thank you to everyone who gave so generously for this during Christian Aid week this year.

The Holy Fair teas raised an amazing total of £1,729.38 after expenses, and our thanks go to all who helped and contributed on the day.



Strawberry Teas

Annette, Janice and everyone involved in organising the annual Strawberry Teas event would like to thank all shops, businesses, local schools, surgeries and everyone who came along to the hall on the day for their support.

We would also like to thank Mossiel Milk for donating the cream and A & A Spittal for donating half of the strawberries.

We received grant funding last year to continue this enjoyable event so we were able to make it a “donation only” event with all proceeds being split between the local Help our Ava campaign and the Messy Church events run by the church.

The magnificent sum of £1190 was raised and has now been distributed to the local charities.

Thank you once again for the support and look forward to seeing you again next year.

The Shoppers’ Lunch continues to be a success and brings in around £250 per month for Outreach projects/costs.

The proceeds from our May Shoppers’ Lunch (£370) was donated to Help Our Ava charity.

We would like to thank the Old Folks Welfare Committee for their generous donation towards our Special Project fund.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who contributes regularly and for this I, as treasurer, am very grateful.

Yours in Christ

Elizabeth Morris

Treasurer

Foodbank

The volunteers at the foodbank in Cumnock are so grateful that Mauchline church has continued to support this work throughout the years.

When speaking with volunteers at the foodbank they are saying that record numbers of people are using this service.

If you are able to donate any groceries/ toiletries etc then please bring them to church and deposit them in a box in the Clark Memorial vestibule. On behalf of all the volunteers at the various foodbanks, can I extend a big thank you to all who donate to this very worthwhile cause.

CHRISTIAN AID

This year's Christian Aid week was 14-20th May.

The appeal this year was to help women grow crops with amazing potential.

Jen Bishop is doing everything she can to earn enough money for her children’s education. Her two boys have earned places at college, but Jen can’t afford to send them both. She works hard to provide for her children but can hardly scratch a living from the soil. Soaring costs of food, fuel and fertilizer, are a problem that faces everyone during this global cost of living crisis are crushing her dreams and keeping the family in poverty. Jen needs to earn more so both boys can go to college. Jen and her husband have two acres of pigeon pea crops. Pigeon pea is a tough plant and able to withstand conditions, so Jen and her husband are working hard to make this crop work.

With your generosity during Christian Aid week, we have sent a cheque for £597.99 to help people like Jen achieve their potential.

Many thanks to all who contributed during this week.

Elizabeth Morris

Christian Aid Co-ordinator



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

Our last Messy Church before the summer holidays was held on Saturday 17th June 2023. The theme was King of Kings and along with celebrating the coronation of King Charles we also learned that Jesus is King of King.

We watched a video all about what happens at a coronation of a King before it explained why the crown and the orb both have crosses on top of them, to help the King remember that Jesus and God is always with him as he carries out his duties in life.

We made crowns, hanging King of King decorations, clay models and bunting biscuits at the craft tables. As a coronation is a celebration we had party games including Pass the Orb and Musical Thrones.

The morning was finished off with a lunch of party food, mini hot dogs, chicken nuggets, wee sausages, sandwiches and cakes.

The next Messy Church will take place in September, please watch out for more information nearer the time.

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.



Calling all surfers

Youtube

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.

Jim Beck

SUMMER RECIPE:

Here is something to try for those gorgeous summer days we've been promised.



Raspberry Brûlée

225g (8oz) raspberries

140ml (½ pint) double cream, chilled

40g (1½oz) demerara sugar

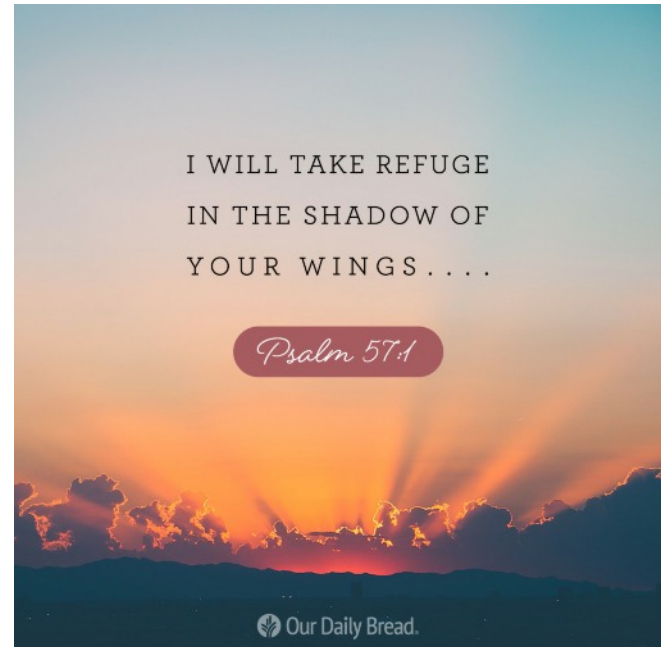
Serves 4

Method

1. Place raspberries in the base of four individual ovenproof dishes or one large dish.
2. Lightly whip cream and spread over raspberries.
3. Cover thickly with sugar and cook under a pre-heated grill until sugar melts.
4. Serve hot or cold.

Footnote

Image from Our Daily Bread



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