

Mauchline Parish Church

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2023

Mid-Summer



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the international community it is now a busy, flourishing tourist hub.

From the Manse

From the Minister – Rev Dr Allan Vint

The summer holidays this year afforded Lynne and I the opportunity to meet up with family down South, we were also very fortunate to be able to go on a short cruise, stopping at Vigo, Lisbon, Porto and Guernsey. Each port provided a wealth of heritage, history and culture for us to learn, enjoy and reflect on.



Finally, we reached St Peter Port in Guernsey, where we were to learn of the World War 2 German occupation of

the island. This was a period of great anxiety for the islanders as Guernsey was turned into a German fortress, largely through the efforts of slave labour. Although the island guns were to see little, even no real action, we were reminded again of the evils of war through the imprisonment, oppression and killing which did take place.



In Vigo we boarded an excursion to the very impressive Santiago de Compostela Cathedral in northwestern Spain, a shrine built to honour James, one of the disciples of Jesus. The Cathedral also serves as the destination of the Way of St. James, a pilgrimage route since the 9th century. We were struck by the many (mainly) young men and women with backpacks travelling the pilgrimage way, which takes some 30 days to complete on foot – what

a devotional journey to make.



Our holiday travels gave us much to reflect on and so very much to be thankful for. We rejoice in the love we share within family and with friends. We are so grateful for the joy we have for today and the peace for tomorrow through Jesus. We recognise how fortunate we are to have liberty and freedom to be a pilgrim following Jesus each day. As we do that, we value afresh the freedoms we have to worship

and to live out our daily life without fear or repression.

In Lisbon, thronging with people, we witnessed a man also walking but this time with a placard which announced, *'Jesus is the way to Heaven'*. Not too many people seemed to take notice of this brief but important message – perhaps it was drowned out by every other



surrounded notice, like the one he inadvertently was standing beside, *'No Sushi, no life'*. Isn't it interesting which messages we

choose to 'tune in' and which we choose to 'tune out'.

Our stop in Porto (which provides the name for the whole country, Portugal) was to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the old town beside the river. This was a place of trade going back through the centuries. Until recently the town had been largely run down but with investment from

Mauchline Church Men's Club

The syllabus is now prepared and the club looks forward to an interesting and varied selection of speakers.

The first meeting, a games night, is on Wednesday 13th September at 7pm in the Church Hall.

On Wednesday 27th September at 7.30pm in the Church Hall the Rev Allan Vint gives a talk about his journey in ministry - Miner's Son to Manse Part 2.

Wednesday 11th October Games Night at 7pm in the Church Hall.

Wednesday October 25th talk by Mr A Duff. A journey through our business "The Ageing Eye."

We are a friendly welcoming group. Please come along and join us.

Willie Jardine

Finance Report

Treasurer report Sept 2023

Total receipts Jan – August 2023	£69,106.41
Total expenditure Jan – August 2023	<u>£53,191.74</u>
Surplus Jan – August 2023	<u>£15,914.67</u>

We have been fortunate to receive a couple of larger donations this year which has kept our figures looking healthier so far.

The Gift Aid for the year to 5.4.23 was just over £11,000 so thank you to everyone who has signed a gift aid declaration which allows us to claim back an extra 25% on your donations. If you think you are eligible for Gift Aid (i.e. you are a tax payer) but have not signed a declaration yet, please speak to Annette.

The church hall roof was repaired recently at a cost of almost £5,000.

The retiring collection for Help Our Ava taken on Sunday 27 August raised £112 which was greatly appreciated by the family.

Messy Church have been successful in securing a grant from Church of Scotland for £800 which will help fund the next few sessions.

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

Yours in Christ
Elizabeth Morris
Treasurer

Foodbank

The Cumnock food bank continues to require donations of non perishable foodstuff as well as toiletries and pet food.

One thing I always hear from them is diluting juice and tins of cold meat such as ham, corned beef, etc.

They've also started to take in items that would go to charity shops and a recent story was of a young man who'd been kitted out for a job interview.

Hope he was successful.

They're also considering breaking away from the Trussell Trust as they feel they're not getting the support needed from the branch in Kilmarnock.

That is very sad to hear. I hope you will all prayerfully remember the work that they're doing locally. Items can be left in the Clarke Memorial Vestibule at the back of the church.

Thanks to all who continue to support.
Sheena



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

Crafts & activities, (all ages welcome)
stories & music,
Sharing food.



Saturday 7th October 2023
From 10am until 12noon
THEME : Care for our World
Mauchline Church Hall

9.55am : Doors open but come along when you can, you are never late for Messy Church.
10am : Bible story with music & videos
10.30am : Snack time
10.45am : Crafts and activities for all ages and interests.
11.20am : Games
11:45am : Lunch (provided)



Registration Details

Calling all surfers

Youtube

Number of People Viewing Allan's Sunday Mauchline and Sorn Live Streamed Services over the last weeks are:

July 2(27), 9(28), 16(38), 23(38), 30(43)

August 6(42), 13(34), 20(37), 27(22)

September 3(30), 10(31)

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



All Welcome



Mauchline Parish Church
in conjunction with
Mauchline Primary School & ECC
are hosting a
Macmillan Cancer Support
Coffee Morning
on
Thursday 28th September
in
Mauchline Church Hall
10am to 12 noon



Who's Who & Where

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Footnote

Image from Our Daily Bread

