



# Mauchline Parish Church *Linked with Sorn Parish* Magazine



**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.



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.

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’.





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



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.

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.





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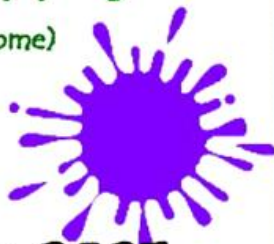


A fresh new way of  
experiencing church.....  
for children & parents/  
carers to enjoy together.

**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



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## Mauchline Church Men's Club

The syllabus for the year ahead is now prepared, and the club looks forward to an interesting and varied selection of speakers. Coming up:

**Sept 27:** Rev Dr Allan Vint – Miners Son to Manse (Part 2) (7:30pm)

**Oct 11 :** Games Night (7pm)

**Oct 27:** Mr A Duff – A journey through our business “The Ageing Eye”  
(7:30pm)

**Nov 8 :** Games Night (7pm)

We are a friendly welcoming group, meeting in Mauchline Church Halls.  
Why not come along and join in? *Willie Jardine*



All Welcome



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

### Sunday Services

Sunday morning services at Sorn and Mauchline are open to all.

We are delighted to welcome all visitors, whether you have been to church before or not.

**Sorn Parish**  
**10am**

**Mauchline Parish**  
**11:15pm**