



Mauchline Parish Church

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Scottish Charity Numbers: SCSC007714 & SC015899

Minister: Rev Dr Allan S Vint



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From The Manse

****A Dramatic Election****

The recent election was indeed dramatic.

I was captivated by the unfolding events and managed to stay awake until 4 a.m. to watch the results come in. Now, we know what kind of government we have.

But how should we, as Christians, respond according to the Bible?

The answer is straightforward.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV) states:

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people, for kings, and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

Regardless of whether the election outcome was our preference, our Christian duty is to bring those in positions of authority before God in prayer.

We should pray for their wisdom, care, integrity, and humility.

We need all our leaders to fulfill their roles effectively.

May God help, sustain, and guide them.

****Church Membership****

If you are not currently a church member and would like to join, there will be a meeting for that purpose on Sunday, July 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.

This gathering is also suitable for those who wish to refresh their understanding of church membership.

****A Time for Reflection****

As I write this, I am on holiday and about to board a ship heading towards the Netherlands.

I am excited about visiting a new place.

As I look beyond this holiday, I am equally excited to consider our future as a church.

What new and interesting experiences of God's grace will we encounter together?

How will God guide us towards kingdom growth and service?

Society is undergoing many changes—what changes, under God's hand, will we see in His church?

Blessings,
Allan

Mauchline Church Men's Club

The Men's Club had their outing on 8 May to Ve-tech Tarbolton.

Fourteen members had a very interesting tour by manager Robert Guthrie who told us the history of Ve-tech and also how it operates.

Next, we went to see the dairy cows in the shed and saw them being milked by robots.

We all went for lunch at The Black Bull and had a pleasant lunch and chat.

Willie Jardine



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Flower Fund

I would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Flower Fund either by money donations or by providing flowers.

Thank you to all those who have stepped in on the occasions when I have had other commitments and also those who help with delivering them to their recipients.

Unfortunately, the request for volunteers to help form a rota of flower arrangers has been unsuccessful. Therefore, it is with regret that as of 31st December this year I will step down from my post as Flower Convenor.

Thank you to everyone for the support you have given me in the past 3 years.

Carol Strachan

Teas / Coffee Group

! 😊 Help 😊 !

Can you spare an hour once every six weeks?

The Tea/Coffee group would welcome a few more volunteers to serve and wash up on Sundays after the morning service.

Even if you do not want to commit to a regular date, we could include you on a reserve list and you would then just be asked to help if someone could not work on their allocated date.

We welcome male or female applicants!

If you think you can help, please contact Grace Young 07870 983269

Scottish Bible Society

Scottish Bible Society - Bibles for Bairns

Over 400 babies were registered in 2023 and now registration is open for babies born in Scotland in 2024.

To register a child you can be the parent or carer, or known to the parent or carer.

You must ask the parent or carer's permission before registering.

How it works -

* Once a child has been signed up they'll receive the Share a Story Bible on their 1st birthday.

* On their 2nd, 3rd and 4th birthdays they'll have a birthday card and fun resources to encourage the whole family to keep engaging with the Bible.

* On their 5th birthday they'll be given a children's Bible to start to read themselves and to explore with the adults in the family.

For more information and to register go to www.scottishbiblesociety.org

Sheena Davidson

Treasurer's Report

Total receipts Jan – June 2024 **£52,472**

Total expenditure Jan – June 2024 **£37,611**

Surplus Jan – June 2024 **£14,861**

We claimed the Gift Aid due for April 2023 – March 2024 and received £12,603 which will help to cover some of the church's costs.



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Thanks again to Annette for dealing with all the Gift Aid processes and to everyone who has signed a gift aid declaration which allows us to claim 25% Gift Aid on their donations.

The Holy Fair Teas brought in £1559 on the day with a further £87 raised on the Sunday from sale of baking which was left.

Thank you to everyone who donated baking and helped on the day.

Christian Aid collections brought in £600 for the charity.

Thanks to everyone who donated and to Elizabeth who once again organised the collection during Christian Aid week.

We are still awaiting a final bill from SSE Hydro.

There was a payment to Chilli for £1,302 for radiator work in the church.

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

Mark Crawshaw

Treasurer

Christian Aid

Christian Aid week ran from 12-18th May this year. A big thank you to everyone who donated to this very worthwhile cause. Total collected this year was £600.00, which was amazing.

This money will go to help people like Aline from Burundi. Aline was pushed to the brink of survival.

She was abused, homeless and hungry.

Christian Aid supported her. She started by taking part in a three day community workshop.

This project was funded by Christian Aid.

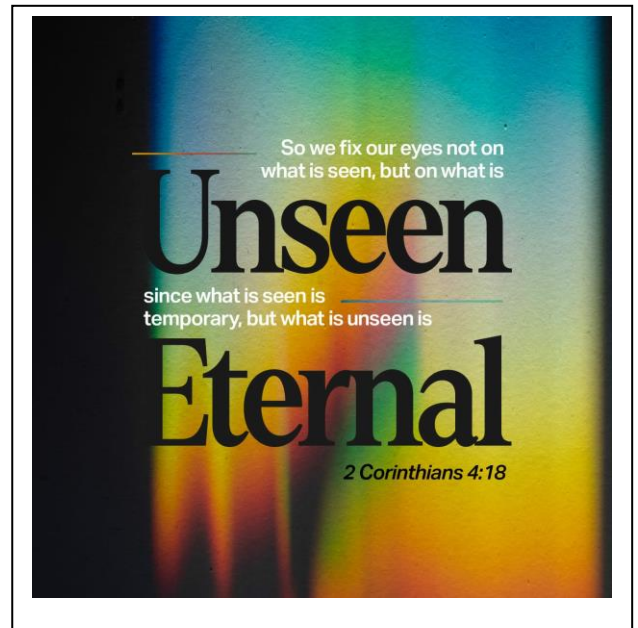
She was taught how to form a Village Savings & Loans Association and establish a steady income.

This means people can save for their future and borrow money to start small rural businesses.

With this knowledge, her dream of getting her children back finally felt possible.

With your donations, you made this possible, so thank you all.

Elizabeth Morris.



Calling All Surfers

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

7th July(26), 30th June(40), 23 June(31), 16 June(22), 9 June(27), 2 June(30)13 May(30), 12 May(29)

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