



# Mauchline Parish Church

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### From The Manse

It was a true joy to celebrate our most senior church member, Martha, on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Over the years, Martha has brought great energy and enthusiasm to the church and its organizations, particularly through her musical gifts. As many will remember, she was a long-time member of the church choir, receiving a certificate for her dedicated service. In our conversation, she expressed a hope that someone might step forward to lead the revival of this musical ministry. If you feel called to this role, please contact us — the ministry of music has always been a powerful way for God to touch hearts and minds. In the meantime, we wish Martha continued health, strength, and God's richest blessings.



### Church Conference

On the 25th of August, the Kirk Session invited the congregation to join in a conference to discuss future developments for the church. This proved to be a very productive conversation, with many ideas shared. We began by focusing on some pressing property needs and quickly identified several key areas requiring attention, though we recognize that a fundraising effort will probably be necessary. The headline areas were:

- Redecorating/Refurbishing the Church Halls
- Improvements to Cobbles, Car Parking, and Access
- Installation of an Accessible Church Toilet
- Replacing Pews with Comfortable Seating
- Upgrading AV/Sound Systems
- Organ Repair
- Enhancing Internet Access

Each of these categories has a related sub-list that is quite extensive. Together, we felt these improvements would significantly enhance our facilities, better enabling us to meet for worship and fellowship, and to more effectively engage our community in mission.

We invite the congregation to contribute to the church improvement scheme, both through regular weekly giving and especially through **our annual giving day, which this year will be held on**



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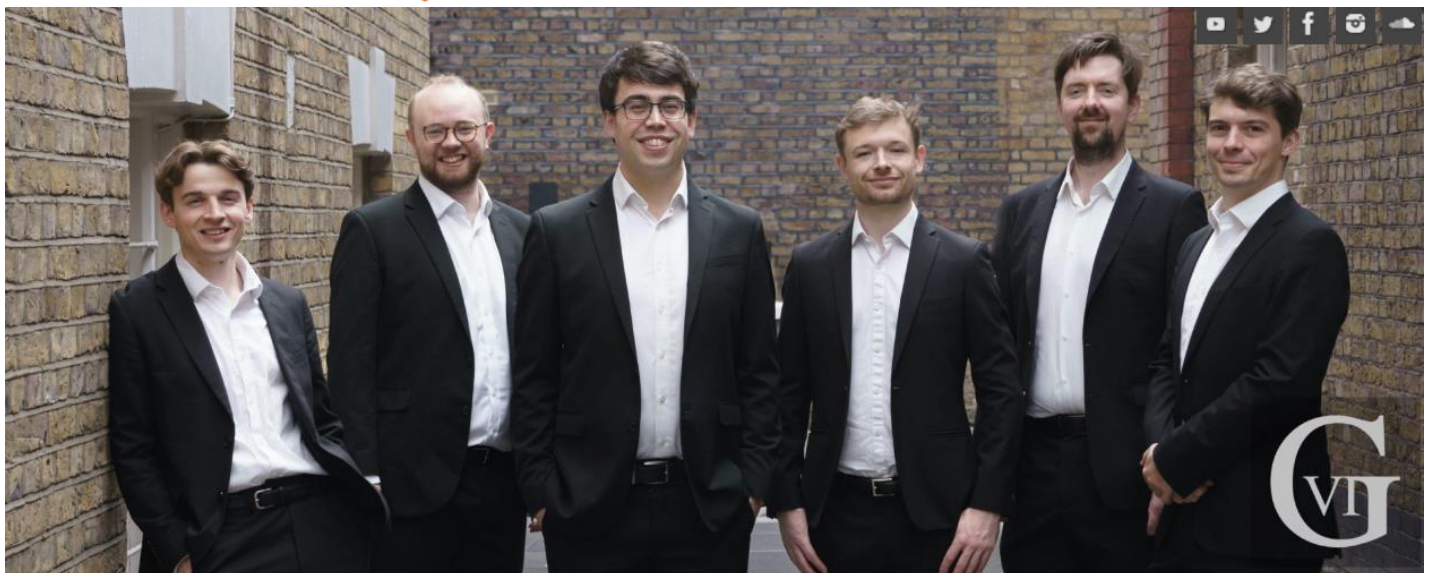
**Saturday, the 28th of September.** We'll be available in the church hall from **10 am until noon**, with a coffee morning running concurrently.

The conference also explored other priority areas for development, including:

- **Christian Mission:** Expanding the church's outreach to better serve the community and fulfill its spiritual mission.
- **Children's Ministry:** Revitalizing programs for children and young families, which is key to long-term growth.
- **Pastoral Care:** Strengthening support for the spiritual and emotional needs of the congregation.
- **Financial Stability:** Ensuring financial health to sustain church operations and expand outreach.

Many excellent ideas were presented, and in the coming months, these will be topics of discussion in our Kirk Session workgroups. (ps we are always interested in having additional members join our workgroups – if interested speak to the minister)

As you can see, the new church session is already active, and we look forward to many exciting developments ahead. One special event to note is the Cumnock Tryst Festival Service, which will be held on **Sunday, the 6th of October, at 11:15 am in Mauchline Parish Church**. This will be our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, featuring guest organist Eilidh Harris and a performance by the world-renowned group, The Gesualdo Six.



Blessings,  
Allan



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### Mauchline Church Mens Club

Mauchline Parish Church Men's Club's first meeting of the new session on Wednesday 11th September is a games night.

On Wednesday 25th September The Rev Dr Allan Vint is speaking about the Covenanters.

Wednesday 9th October is a games night.

Wednesday 23rd October Mr Bill Grant is speaking on 'The Lighter Side of Westminster'

Wednesday 13th November is a games night.

Wednesday 27th November speaker William Parker's subject is Holiday Photos.

December meeting is our Christmas Meal.

Meetings are held in Mauchline Church Hall at 7pm (games nights) and 7.30pm when we have a speaker.

All members and friends welcome

Willie Jardine.

### Flower Fund

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

Carol Strachan

### Teas / Coffee Group

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.

We welcome male or female applicants!

Please contact Grace Young 07870 983269

### Treasurer's Report September 2024

Total receipts Jan – August 2024                    **£60,467.83**

Total expenditure Jan – August 2024            **£51,046.21**

**Surplus Jan – August 2024                    £ 9,421.62**

There have been a few extra expenses in July and August

Stannah Stair lifts have been to investigate and hopefully repair the stair lift in the halls - cost £1,157

The annual inspection of the fire extinguisher took place – cost £337

Grass cutting for April to July - cost £600

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

### FOOD BANK

Thanks again to all our regular contributors for the local food bank at Cumnock.

Your kindness is much appreciated, as are prayers.

As in previous years, the Harvest Offering on 6th October will once again go to the food bank.



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Items of dried food, tins, juice, toiletries, etc. will be most welcome and can be left in the Clarke Memorial Vestibule.

There will also be a retiring offering on that day should anyone prefer to donate a monetary gift. Thank you all.

Sheena Davidson

### Calling All Surfers

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

4<sup>th</sup> August(43), 11<sup>th</sup> August(55), 18<sup>h</sup> August(21), 25<sup>th</sup> August (N/A), 1<sup>st</sup> September(31) 8<sup>th</sup> September(25)

### Who's Who & Where

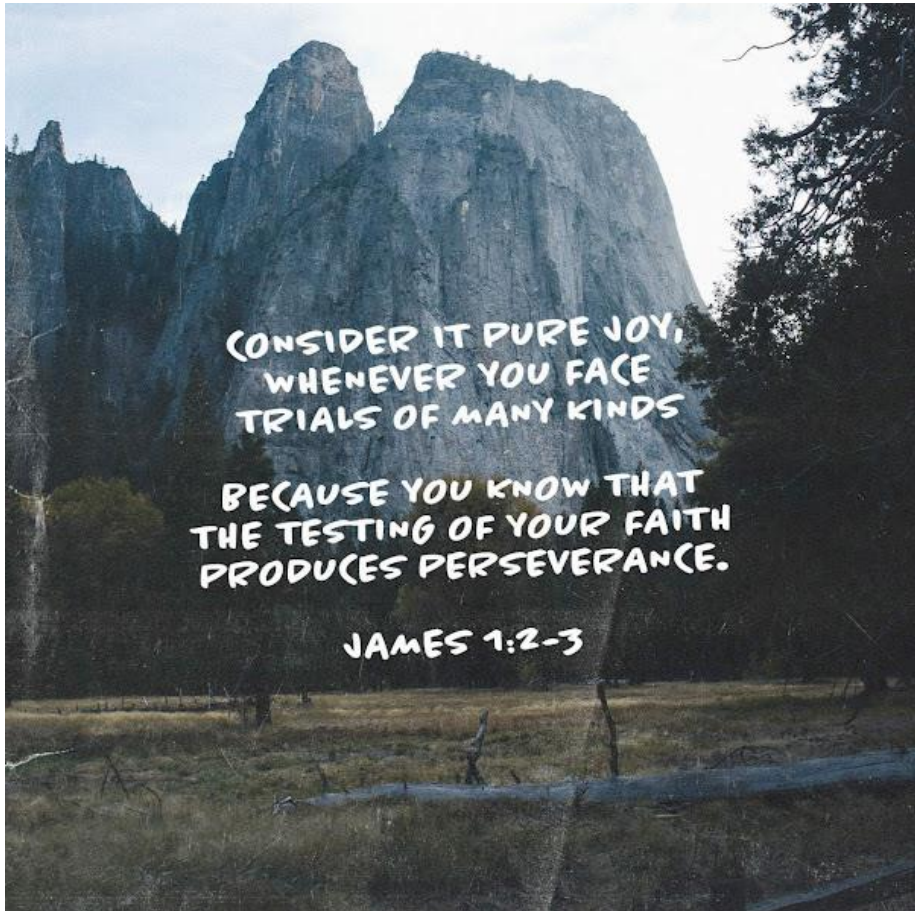
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### Footnote



CONSIDER IT PURE JOY,  
WHENEVER YOU FACE  
TRIALS OF MANY KINDS  
BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT  
THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH  
PRODUCES PERSEVERANCE.

JAMES 1:2-3

#### PRAYER

God, when I am weak, You are strong. When I am lonely, You are my comforter. When I feel unable to keep moving forward, You give me the strength I need to persevere. Please remind me when I feel overwhelmed that You are with me. Refresh my soul, and give me rest. In Jesus' name, Amen.

[+](#) Add to prayer list