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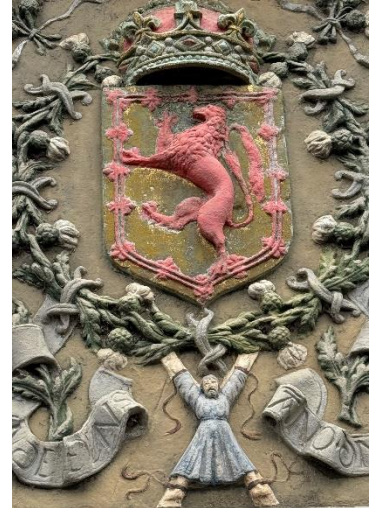
### From the Minister – Rev Dr Allan Vint

The image on the right is a coloured stone carving that I observed high up on a building in St. Andrews. We were visiting this charming university town on holiday, and it was fascinating to be reminded, through such imagery, of the historic events that shaped not only this place but all of Scotland.

At the bottom of the carving, we can see a representation of St. Andrew, positioned according to his method of execution, which was to be bound to an X-shaped cross. Andrew remained there for two days, preaching to those who passed by about the risen Lord Jesus.

Andrew, of course, had known Jesus personally. He had witnessed firsthand His miracles, heard His teachings, and, most importantly, had seen Jesus die and then experienced the risen Christ three days later. Andrew couldn't remain silent about such profound events; he wanted others to know and to be convinced to become followers of Jesus.

The authorities, however, had different intentions. The Roman proconsul in Patras, Greece, demanded that Andrew cease spreading the Christian message and instead make sacrifices to the Roman gods. Andrew refused, declaring his allegiance to Jesus Christ and condemning the worship of idols as false. It was this defiance that led to his arrest and eventual crucifixion. His steadfast faith and refusal to renounce Christianity were the primary reasons for his execution.



There was a time when Scotland was known for the spirit of Andrew—people whose Christian faith was unwavering and whose allegiance to the Christian cause and the Church was second to none. Scotland was celebrated for its ministers and missionaries, as well as for the determination of its people to honour Christ.

Today, I believe we need to rediscover our Christian roots and heritage and once again place the cross at the heart of our civic society. So as we travel through

this period called Lent towards the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday let us be inspired by Andrew of old and reflect the sense of words of the hymn writer Isaac Watts

1 I'm not ashamed to own my Lord,  
or to defend his cause,  
maintain the honour of his Word,  
the glory of his cross.

3 Firm as his throne his promise stands,  
and he can well secure  
what I've committed to his hands  
'til the decisive hour.

2 Jesus, my God! I know his name,  
his name is all my trust;  
nor will he put my soul to shame,  
nor let my hope be lost.

4 Then will he own my worthless name  
before his Father's face,  
and in the new Jerusalem  
appoint my soul a place.



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### Messy Church



Saturday  
1st February 2025  
Messy Miracles

The first Messy Church of the year was held on Saturday 1st February when we had 17 children learning about the story of the Feeding the five thousand.

Our theme this year will be Messy Miracles and we will be sharing some of the wonderful Bible stories of what Jesus did to help others .

Our usual start of singing and watching a video telling us the story was followed by a snack of fish and bread shaped shortbread. Moving on to our craft area we made fancy fish, a small basket of loaves and fishes then played some memory games using bread pictures and took turns at magnetic fishing.

The "messy area" was playdough which the children could knead and roll as if they were making bread.

Our morning, as always, is rounded off by a lovely lunch prepared and served by our great kitchen team.

Our next Messy Church will be on Saturday 22nd March and we look forward to seeing you there.

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*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.*



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MESSY CHURCH

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025



If you miss the 11am and 6pm services you can still watch online on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

**Facebook:** Mauchline & Sorn Congregations

**YouTube:** Mauchline and Sorn Churches (@mandschurches)



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### Mauchline Parish Church Mens Club

January 8<sup>th</sup> started our 2025 session with an enjoyable games night.

Our January guest speaker was Jim Harrigan.

Jim is an audiologist and is manager of children's services at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Glasgow. The children range from babies to young adults of 18 years. Jim gave an excellent talk and presentation of his profession and had a number of hearing aid devices to show us and how they are used for certain hearing loss conditions. It was especially interesting to hear how babies of two weeks old had their hearing tested.

**February 12<sup>th</sup>** Members gathered for a games night and a good blether.

**February 26<sup>th</sup>** we were joined by members of the Guild. The guest speaker was Terry Wright from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Terry gave an interesting talk encompassing the local, national and international work of the CWGC.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**, we look forward to a games night.

**March 26<sup>th</sup>** We look forward to Guest Speaker William Parker 'Holiday Photos'

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** AGM.

*Willie Jardine.*

### Treasurer report March 2025

Our expenditure exceeded our receipts for the first 2 months of 2025 by £3,777.

The electricity and gas bills for this period are over £1,800 and our Giving to Grow contribution to the Church of Scotland is now over £4,000 per month (paid Feb – Nov)

There were also additional expenditure items in January and February as follows :

Wi fi System for church hall: £75.20

Garden Waste Permit for Manse: £80.00

Electrical Works in the church halls (D Murray Electricals): £4,091.9

The retiring collection from the Christmas services (£187) was split between Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland and DEC Middle East Appeal.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who contributes on a regular basis.

Yours in Christ

Mark Crawshaw Treasurer



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### FoodBank

I would like to send my thanks, once again to those who continue to give so generously to our local food bank in Cumnock.

As always, donations of tins, packets, etc as well as toiletries, cleaning products, toilet rolls, baby and pet supplies can be left in the box in the Clarke Memorial Vestibule where I will collect them and make sure they are delivered to the food bank.

It would also be very helpful if anyone has some spare carrier bags if they would be able to leave them in the box too? That would be very helpful.

Thank you all once again for your support.

*Sheena*

### Calling All Surfers

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

2025 February 2(62), 9(64), 16(17), 23(41)

2025 March 2(62), 9(47)

### Who's Who & Where

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
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#### PRAYER

God, You are mighty and worthy of all my praise! When I feel overwhelmed, You want to support me. When I feel discouraged, You want to encourage me. When I feel hopeless and alone, You surround and protect me. I will praise You because You are my source of strength. Nothing is impossible for You, and You are for me! In Jesus' name, Amen.

 Add to prayer list

He will *never* leave  
you nor forsake you.

 DEUTERONOMY 31:8