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From the Minister – Rev Dr Allan Vint



On Sunday, 25th May at 3pm, a group from the congregation gathered at the Martyrs' Memorial on Loan Green for a special remembrance conventicle service.

The outdoor gathering was to honour the memory of the five Covenanter martyrs executed in Mauchline in 1685, as well as James Smith, the fellow Covenanter buried in the churchyard. Mr Dane Love provided the history of the events, placing them helpfully into their historical context and also highlighting the part other Mauchline people played during the covenanting era.

Many of you will be well acquainted with the striking obelisk at Loan Green commemorating the “Mauchline Martyrs.” They were Peter Gillies (Skirling), John Bryce (West Calder), William Fiddison and John Young (both from Carluke), and John Browning from Galston-all Covenanters, victims of the harsh crackdown of 1685.

These men of the loan were captured and brought to Mauchline, where they were tried by Lieutenant-General Drummond, who was stationed at Mauchline castle, and they hanged without the chance for a proper farewell or even a final prayer. Their bodies were buried together in a trench near the execution site, now marked by the impressive obelisk and the older gravestone nearby.

In the churchyard itself lies James Smith, another Covenanter who died in 1685. Smith was wounded while helping others escape from prison at



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Newmilns, captured, and died of his injuries in Mauchline before he could be executed. His grave, marked with a blue plaque, is a quieter but no less powerful reminder of the sacrifices made for faith and freedom.



Hear Dane on YouTube <https://youtu.be/xBEzOV96OeU>

Christian Aid at 80: A Legacy of Faith in Action



This year marks the 80th anniversary of Christian Aid – a remarkable milestone for an organisation born out of compassion and shaped by the call to love our global neighbours. Since 1945, Christian Aid has stood with the world's poorest and most vulnerable communities, responding to crisis, challenging injustice, and working for lasting change.

Founded by British and Irish churches in the aftermath of World War 2, Christian Aid began by helping refugees across war-torn Europe. Today, it continues that mission across the globe, providing emergency aid, supporting development, and campaigning for climate justice, fair trade, and an end to world poverty.

At the heart of Christian Aid's work is a simple yet powerful belief: every person is made in the image of God and deserves dignity, justice and hope. This vision resonates deeply with our own faith and mission as a church, here in Mauchline.



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As we mark this anniversary, let us give thanks for the lives changed, the partnerships formed, and the Gospel values embodied through Christian Aid's witness. And let us recommit ourselves to that same spirit of love in action. Supporting their work through prayer and giving.

We invite everyone to join in the legacy, by giving to the appeal, which Mauchline church has been doing so generously for many, many years.

Together we can make a difference. Because 80 years on, Christian Aid's message is as urgent and hopeful as ever. ***We believe in life before death.***

SHOPPERS' LUNCH



Mauchline Church Hall



The next Shoppers' Lunches are

Thursday 19th June

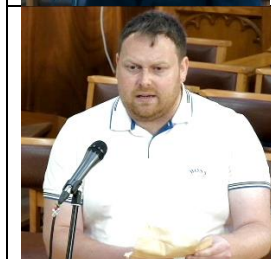
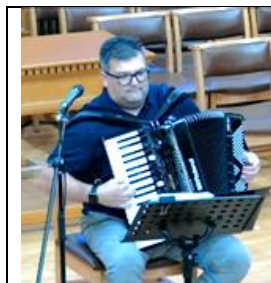
(no shoppers' lunch in July & August)

11.30am – 1.30pm

Come along and purchase some delicious homemade soup, choice of rolls/ sandwiches/ home baking and have a blether!



Everyone welcome





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