



Chrystal Chronicle Summer Newsletter August/September 2019



Some members of the Buzz group enjoying their visit to Robert Burns' house at Ellisland

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From the Session Clerk

Dear Friends

As the summer rolls on, we take the chance to go on holiday, have visitors to stay and hope to enjoy some warm sunshine to help us recharge.

Though the work of the Church never stops, in summer we arrange fewer meetings, group leaders take a break and we all relax a little. Then we can look forward to activities resuming later in the year.

This summer we have had our share of difficulties. Our Minister, David Logan, is currently on sick leave and we are grateful for the appointment of Rev. Val Ott as Interim Moderator to guide us and to ensure that worship is led Sunday by Sunday in our church. Rev. Douglas Irving will attend to pastoral duties and I am the contact person in the event of a funeral to be arranged.

Please continue to keep us informed of anyone who is ill, in hospital or who needs a visit. During David's absence we are all working together to keep the church fulfilling its mission in preaching the word of God and in caring for His people.

As the contract for the production of the church magazine has terminated, we are exploring alternatives and we will be reviewing style and content. Any ideas for new features would be welcome. This is your magazine and we value your input.

Until we finish the review you will receive a simple A4 information sheet, which we can produce ourselves at minimal cost. The best way to find out what is happening is to come along and share in the life and worship of your church.

May I ask you all to pray for David and Catriona as we ask for God's help in supporting them through this time of illness and uncertainty.

Yours in Christ
Anne Mackie
Session Clerk

Church Register

Death – "I am the resurrection and the life"

June 4: Mr Robert Sharp

Please let me know of any changes of address: **Marion Bennett**, 2 Wolfgill Drive Dumfries DG1 4XY. Tel: 263106

What's on ...

August

Monday 5: Buzz – Arrangements from the garden with Sylvia Bertram

Friday 9: Ceilidh in church hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 13: Arts and Crafts in the church hall 2-4pm

Monday 19: Buzz – John Caskie entertains

Tuesday 27: Arts and Crafts in the church hall 2-4pm

Thursday 29: Sunday Kids' leaders' meeting 7pm

September

Sunday 1: Sunday Kids restarts

Monday 2: Buzz – Infection prevention D&G with Elaine Ross

Tuesday 3: Guild – first meeting of new session

Tuesday 10: Arts and Crafts in the church hall 2-4pm

Sunday 15: Guild taking service in church, followed by soup and sweet lunch

Monday 16: Buzz – History of the Dock Park and its importance to the town with Trevor Muir
Tuesday 24: Arts and Crafts in the church hall 2-4pm
Wednesday 25: Garden Club restarts
Monday 30: Buzz – Queen Victoria's children with Dorothy Edwards

Flower rota

August 11: J Swan
August 18: J Thomson
August 25: D McCaig
September 1: J Train
September 8: L Jardine
September 15, 22 and 29: Vacant
October 6: G Boyes

Flower team contacts: Norna Francis (250199), Moira Cannon (720394), Betty Jardine (257691), Margaret Thomson (253484) or Maureen Wilson (255008).

Thanks for flowers have been received from:

Anna and Bill McGowan, Joe Robson, Mr and Mrs McCann, Elsie Thomas, Mr and Mrs M Fraser, Mrs Mary Wallace, Mrs L Gourlie, Susan and Jack Moir, Mrs Neiria Watson, Mr and Mrs W King, Mr and Mrs T Hannah, Mr and Mrs Galloway, Mrs Elizabeth Ferguson, Bunty Hogg, Mr and Mrs Harper and Ina Thom, Mrs C McKnight

From the Buzz

On May 27 we had a talk on Talking Newspapers. About 200 people use the service and all the work is done by volunteers.

On June 10 we had a talk and video from Douglas Irving on philately. There were lots of interesting stories behind many of the stamps, including the Penny Black. After his talk Douglas entertained us with some lovely music.

On June 24 we had our outing to Ellisland farm. We watched a film on Burns' farming days and saw old farm implements. We had a walk down beside the River Nith, a peaceful place for Burns to write his poetry and songs. Afternoon tea was served in the kitchen where Burns himself would have eaten.

The Buzz resumes on **Monday August 5**.

Guild Report

23 members had a wonderful trip round the newly transformed Moat Brae in June, followed by a delicious tea. It is a great place for children and adults alike.

A good number of us joined with other Guilds at the Nithsdale Guilds Together Let's Celebrate at Troqueer Church also in June when the guest speaker was Karen Gillon, Associate Secretary of the Guild.

Our first meeting of the new session will be on **Tuesday 3 September**, and the following Saturday two members of our Guild will be attending the Annual Gathering in Dundee which is closely followed by Guild Week.

Members of our own Guild will be taking the Service on **Sunday 15 September** after which there will be a Soup and Sweet lunch, all welcome.

Please come and join us as we explore 'Companions on the Road' this session. Our one gentleman member will be delighted to be joined by more gentlemen!!

Sunday Kids

The Sunday Kids have had a busy year – the children took part in the Christian Aid competition again and Rosalie Hasler won a prize for her entry. I must say all the children's entries were excellent and I'm glad I didn't have to pick a winner.

The children have taken part in various services over the year and have worked hard on new posters which have been displayed in the church.

This year, instead of having a trip/bbq, we went to see 'The Adventures of Mr Toad' at the Brigend Theatre performed by DMTC's youth group. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went.

We finished our year with our Flower Service where the children performed a sketch about Pentecost from Acts 2.

On behalf of the congregation and myself I would like to say: - Merci, Gracias, Danke Sehr, Grazie THANK YOU. Thank you to David for handing over the books. It was much appreciated. Thank you to Kirstin, Shona-Mae, Neve, Rosalie, Alannah and Ellis who come along when they can and keep Isobel and Janet in order. My thanks also go to our conscripts, sorry helpers, our second pair of hands - because without them we couldn't function. Thank you to Heather Brown who keeps our finances in order and orders our books etc. during the year. Thank you to Isobel and Janet for all the hard work you do for Sunday Kids each week. Without you all there would be no Sunday Kids.

I hope you all having a lovely summer break and we will see you all back when we restart on **1st September**, with a leaders' meeting on 29th August at 7pm.

Lyn Kuehnel

Congratulations to Trevor and Maureen Wilson who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on 7th June. They were married in what was then St Mary's Church.

For reflection

Holy Spirit be with us
Omnipotent God we worship you
Loving God forgive our wrong doings
Yesterday, today and tomorrow you are with us

Strengthen and support us Lord in all we do
Protect us Lord against all evil
Immortal God, only wise
Rejoice in His wonderful ways
Inspire us Lord in your holy ways
Thank you Lord for always being here for us

Next magazine

The deadline for our October/November issue is **Sunday September 22** for items through the church – and 3pm that day for those sent direct. Many thanks as always.

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