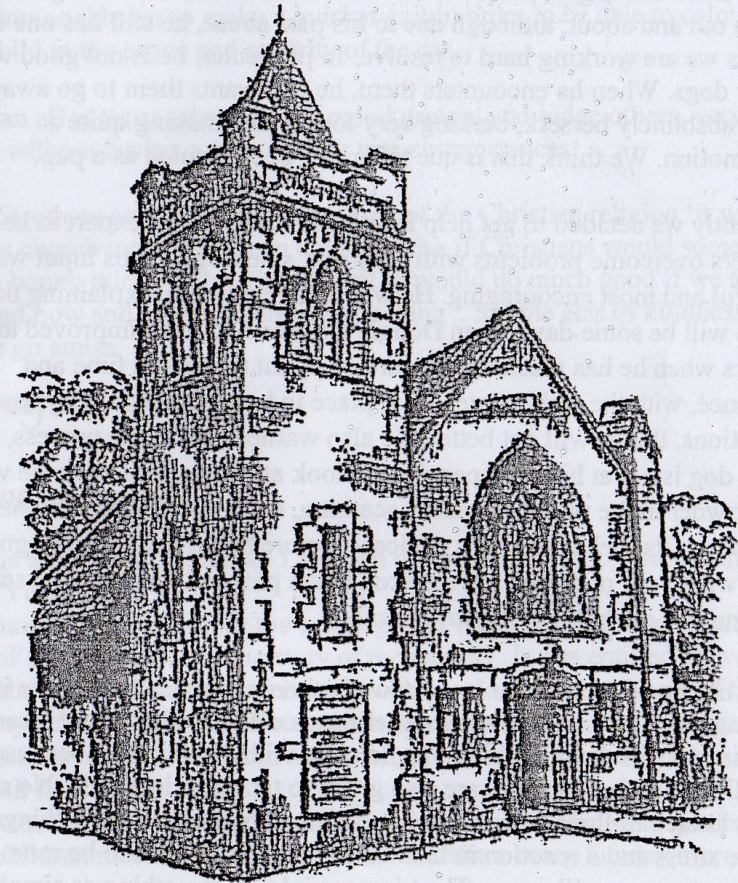


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St Bride's Church Brodick

Newsletter



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The article I wrote last spring about our little rescue terrier Dougie generated a great deal of interest and almost a year on I continue to be asked frequently how he is doing. The answer is very well. He is learning to be more trusting of people and is now much better at meeting strangers when out and about, although due to his past abuse, he still has one or two issues we are working hard to resolve. In particular, he is not good with other dogs. When he encounters them, he just wants them to go away and goes absolutely berserk, barking very loudly and making quite a commotion. We think this is due to having been mauled as a pup.

Recently we decided to get help from Maxwell Muir an expert in helping owners overcome problems with their dog's behaviour. His input was very helpful and most encouraging. He was also reassuring, explaining that there will be some days when Dougie will seem to have improved and others when he has taken a backward step, but that given time and patience, with the right strategies in place to help him cope with fearful situations, things will get better. He also warned that in the process, when your dog is not at his best, people will look at you as if you are the worst dog owner in the world and make scathing, even insulting comments to you about its' behaviour. His advice – ignore them, they haven't got a clue what your poor dog has suffered in the past and what mental scars and trauma you are helping it to overcome.

This has made me more tolerant too of others and made me realise if having a dog with problems is sometimes a difficult challenge, it can be nothing like as daunting as having to cope with a child, who because of conditions such as autism, are also given to tantrums in public. No matter what strategies their parents put in place to help overcome the things that cause stress and a reaction in their child, there are bound to be moments when a tantrum will occur. The trigger might be something as simple as bright colours, excessive noise, or lighting. Few people have a clue what is going on in the lives of those, who because of circumstances out with their control, face huge daily challenges and for whom so-called normality is impossible. The recent TV drama 'The A Word' about a little lad called Joe who has autism has perhaps helped to educate some and certainly I

found it an eye opener. But there is still much ignorance around and it makes people react badly, very badly at times.

I heard the mother of an autistic child speak on the radio describing the nightmare of coping with her child having a tantrum in a supermarket, throwing tins around and causing mayhem, whilst shoppers either stared disapprovingly, or criticised. What she said would make all the difference in that situation would be a simple offer of help. Help to pick up the tins and thus enable her to make a quicker exit in order to be able to calm down her child in the peace and security of the car.

We can all at times take the high moral ground and judge others, very often without having a clue of their true circumstances.

J. P. Struthers once said when speaking of the Christian religion 'it would do the church more good than anything else if Christians would sometimes "do a bonny thing." Christians or not, it would do much good if we all learned now and again to "do a bonny thing". Simple acts of kindness never go amiss.

Angus

Editor's Remarks

At this the start of 2018 may I wish all our readers a Happy and Healthy New Year.

On Sunday 17th December the congregation were treated to the Sunday school's performance of the story of the nativity. It was entitled "Away with the Manger" and was delivered with great enthusiasm by all of the Sunday school children and was much appreciated by the congregation. Our thanks to all the children and to Mrs. Ann MacKay and Cameron for all their hard work.

Eva Macrae was welcomed along as a new recruit to The Sunday school. The children meet in the church hall for 10.30am every Sunday morning

As always, my thanks to all those who have contributed to this magazine and a special thanks to Anne and John whose help is invaluable. If you would like to contribute to this magazine I can be contacted on 01770303579 or sheenamcl4@gmail.com.

A Thought for a New Year – 'Take Time' (Writer Anonymous)

Take time in 2018 to think;
It is the source of power.

Take time in 2018 to read;
It is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time in 2018 to play;
It is the secret of staying young.

Take time in 2018 to be quiet;
It is the opportunity to seek God.

Take time in 2018 to be aware;
It is the opportunity to help others.

Take time in 2018 to love and be loved;
It is God's greatest gift.

Take time in 2018 to laugh;
It is music of the soul.

Take time in 2018 to be friendly;
It is the road to happiness.

Take time in 2018 to dream;
It is what the future is made of.

Take time in 2018 to pray;
It is the greatest power on earth.

Jean Hunter

The Food Bank

The Food Bank has recently had two big additions to stocks. In October, the Harvest Services around the island gave a welcome boost and the ACVS Reverse Advent Appeal reached the Arran community via social media eliciting a fantastic response.

In December, we were able to distribute around 40 boxes of Christmas food and goodies and 40 bags of staple food items. This distribution was completed by other agencies.

Auchrannie staff decided to forego Secret Santa gifting this year in lieu of monetary donations to the food bank. They will contact us towards the end of January to find out what items are running low and will use their fund to purchase what is needed.

We also have those people who contribute regularly throughout the year, and without you, stocks would quickly deplete.

Although, due to seasonal response, stocks are good at the moment we anticipate it won't be long before things are running low. We will put out an appeal via intimations on Sunday mornings when more donations are required. Donations of non-perishable foods, toiletry items, household cleaning products and tinned pet food can be left at any time in the church vestibule.

Using the Food Bank

- No referral is needed.
- Open 24 hours a day in Brodick Church vestibule.
- Available to anyone who finds themselves in need of some extra assistance.
- Organised by Arran Churches Together and supported by the Arran community.

The Arran Food Bank functions differently from some of those you may have heard about on the mainland; people can help themselves, at whatever time suits them, to what items they need and will use, rather than having to be referred and being given a bag already made up.

Members of Health, Social Work and Education teams may also collect items from the vestibule to distribute to families when necessary. Surplus stock is stored in Brodick Church transept and is used to fill the boxes in the vestibule. Ann Hart, Ann MacKay and Susan Dobson keep the transept store organised and have a weekly rota ensuring that the vestibule boxes are kept topped up.

There were these two men...

A ripple of chuckles washed over the crowd as they heard Jesus use these words to tell a story. They knew by this first line that somebody was going to be shown up, or put down, by just doing something selfish or silly. There were already many stories of Jesus being repeated across Galilee by folk who had heard them and then realised that, to their shame, they were the ones pointed at, and changed their lives for the better. You never knew how the story would end; usually with a quiet laugh, or a silent: "Oh no. That's me".

"So there were these two men... one owed his master a million pounds, the other a thousand pounds. Neither could pay him back, so he cancelled their debts. Which of them would love him the most?" (Luke 7:41-42).

"So there were these two men... One, the king's steward, owed his master thousands of pounds. Because he couldn't pay his debt, the king ordered him to be sold as a slave, with his family and all that he had. He pleaded for mercy and the king let him off. The steward went out and then met a fellow servant who owed him a few pounds. Because he couldn't pay the king's steward had him put in prison until he could pay. When the king heard this he called his steward and said: "I let you off your debt so you should have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you. Off you go to prison".

Then Jesus said "That's how my Father in heaven will treat every one of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart". (Matt.18:35)

"So there were these two sons of a farmer: The farmer went to one son and said: "Go and work in the vineyard". But the lad said: "I don't want to go" then later changed his mind and went. The farmer went to his other son and said the same. He replied "Yes Dad, I'll go"- but he did not go. Which of these did what his father wanted? (Matt. 21:28)

"So there were these two sons of a farmer. The younger one said "Give me my share of the property now". The farmer divided the property, and soon the young son went off with his money and spent it wastefully. Later he realised what he had done and came back home. His father, looking out for him, welcomed him with clean clothes and a feast. His older brother sulked, would not join the party and angrily accused his father of unfair treatment. "Not so" replied the father. "All this is yours- and you are always with me. We had to celebrate and be happy because your brother was dead but now is alive, he was lost, but now he has been found". (Luke 15.11-32)

Alan Thompson

SONGS OF PRAISE

In our Sunday Worship at Brodick Church during 2017 we have sung over 140 hymns. This is not a full record, but gives a good picture of the nature of our devotion.

Of the 141 hymns, 32 have been sung twice; 6 have been sung three times. Most frequent usage has been as follows:

four times Christ be our light
 This is the Day
 O God, you search me and you know me
 Lord of all being, throned afar.

"To God be the glory, great things he has done!" (C.H.4 512) has been sung 5 times.

"O worship the King, all glorious above" (CH4127) has been sung 6 times.

The words from the "Supplement" have been used about 6 times, to include "In Christ Alone".

This means that there are still some 660 hymns, 108 Psalms, 9 Doxologies—a verse of praise at the end of the Psalm; 55 "Short Songs"—sometimes used as an Introit; and 18 "Doxologies" and "Amen", for us to use in worship.

It is now over 12 years (2005) since this "new" Church Hymnary 4, was published, so many hymns that were "new" for this book are now a generation old.

There is a book in the Church vestibule to which you can add your choice of a hymn to be used sometime in worship.

Offer to God our heartfelt praise for hymns, both old and new.
Alan Thompson

Arran Churches Together

Arran churches together had a St Andrew's Night service on 30th November in St Bride's Church with three members of the Sunday school doing the readings, Kirsty Hume, Lily Keir & Lucy Blair. The congregation was then lead into the church hall by Angus on pipes and Cameron on drums to continue the evening with entertainment provided by a number of Arran High pupils on fiddle and Al Paul and friends providing the music for some ceilidh dancing. A fine supper was then provided to complete a most enjoyable evening.

After the joint Service of Christian Unity on 21st January in Whiting Bay church the next event will be the World Day of Prayer on Friday 3rd March.

Property Report

The church

The heater in the Vestry has been replaced as the previous one had caused a number of fuses to blow. An ancient heater has been removed from below the organ bench and new power points installed which will allow a heater to be used if required.

The wheelchair, for which we could not get spare parts, has been replaced thanks to a donation of another chair by one of our members. The new ladders have been delivered and, with help, we hope in future to change our own light bulbs in the Church.

The Hall

We have had leaks in the hall, one in the gents' toilet and one in the ceiling above the entrance area.

I attended a Conference in Glasgow organised by the Church of Scotland Trustees where a number of subjects ranging from Health & Safety to the maintenance and heating of Manses and Churches was covered. I will report on this to the Congregational Board at their next meeting.

Colin MacKenzie

St Bride's Ladies

Our first meeting of the 2017-18 session was a very informative talk by Rev. Sheila Mitchell.

For the two meetings in November we had a wonderful illustrated talk by Fiona Henderson on her latest trip to India and Colin Totty telling us all about leaves which everyone found very interesting.

In December there was our very successful Christmas Fayre and Christmas lunch in the Brodick Golf Club which was enjoyed by all.

In January Stuart Blake from the Lochranza Outdoor Centre came along and told us all about what the Centre has to offer.

By the time you receive the magazine we will have held our Scots Afternoon at which there will be music, singing and recitations followed by an Afternoon Tea provided by the ladies on the committee.

On February 12th Jim Cassels will be giving an illustrated talk and the Rev. Lily McKinnon will be with us on 26th.

Our AGM is on 12th March after which we will have an illustrated talk by Jean Hunter. The Spring Fayre will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 24th March.

All the meetings are at 2pm so please come along and join us; these are open meetings to which both ladies and gentlemen are very welcome.

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Friends of Montrose House Association Winter 2018

Socially the last few months have been busy for the Friends and residents. 31st October was the Halloween party when the Home was invaded by ghosts and ghouls, witches and weird creatures who entertained with jokes, singing and apple dooking and were rewarded with chocolate apples and sweets.

Relatives joined the residents for a very enjoyable Christmas party on the evening of Wednesday 6th December in Stronach where a nice supper was provided by the kitchen. It was a lively evening, with several well known local talents singing and playing to a receptive audience, some, who required little persuading, joining in the dancing! Santa distributed gifts to all and a generous raffle left few empty handed.

The next event is the Scots Night on Thursday 25th January when there will be a short programme of music, singing and verse to celebrate Burns before a haggis dinner.

There have been a few volunteers to join Minnie Bell's gardening group but more would be very welcome. North Ayrshire Council have agreed to do some work on the big areas but funds are very limited and occasional weeding and bulb planting takes little time and are always required.

Thank you to Friends and relatives who have helped with decorating for the parties and organising entertainments to help make Montrose House a happy and busy Home.

Residents continue to attend the monthly Music Matters in Lamlash and join in the exercise classes in Day Care. There are often singing and bingo sessions in the evenings and staff are hoping to organise more in-house daytime activities.

Senior pupils at Arran High School have invited residents to two of their Friday afternoon tea parties and once exams and other commitments are over, some of the musical talent hope to play in the Home to make up for not being available for the Christmas party.

Sadly there are two deaths of long term residents to report: Jim Coombes on 11/12/17, his cremation will be on 1st February 1.15 pm at Ayr Crematorium.

Joyce Orr passed away on 10/01/18 and her cremation will be at Dreghorn on 6th Feb at 1.00pm.

A joint memorial service will be held in Montrose House, the date of which is to be arranged.

Wednesday Coffee Morning Rota Jan-June. 2018

17-Jan	S. Dobson	L. MacDonald
31-Jan	N.Mcleod	V.Sim
14-Feb	J.Robertson	A.Green
28-Feb	G.Sillars	G.Bleakley
14-Mar	L.Hendry	S.Allison
28-Mar	M.MacKinlay	M.Cameron
11-Apr	S.McLean	A.Mitchell
25-Apr	A.Lauder	I. Davie
09-May	E.Lawrie	S. Dobson
23-May	M.Boal	M. Bryce
06-Jun	E.McKellar	I.Rollo
20-Jun	N.Mcleod	V.Sim

Shoebox Appeal 2017

I would like, once again, to thank everyone for the wonderful result of our Shoebox appeal. As you know, it was very successful and 181 boxes and £653 in gift aid and donation were collected. Blythswood Head office at Evanton Easter Ross was so thankful that, as usual, I received a lovely letter thanking us for our contribution. The huge filled cartons were again collected from the transept and delivered to Blythswood Care by Tony Morrow of Arran Deliveries who provides this service as his donation to the appeal. We are grateful for his kindness.

All this could not happen without the willing help of Susan Dobson, Sheena Mclean, Liz McKellar, Liz Lawrie, Anne Lauder, Anne Hart, Heather Raeside, Lynne McVicar, Robert, Iain and Alan.

It does seem a long way off to 2018 Shoebox Appeal but it is never too early to start collecting suitable items to put in your 2018 shoebox!

Thank you all most sincerely.

Anne Mitchell

CHURCH NOTICES-Winter 2018

<u>Deaths</u>	Lady Jean Fforde	Strabane	13 th October
	Dorothy Cross	Norfolk	28 th December

New Member by Profession of Faith Cameron McKay 3rd December

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31 st Jan	Coffee Morning in Church Hall from 10.30 to 12noon
11 th Feb	Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 10.30am
12 th Feb	St Bride's Ladies Church Hall 2pm, Jim Cassells
14 th Feb	Coffee Morning in Church Hall from 10.30 to 12noon
26 th Feb	St Bride's Ladies Church Hall 2pm, Rev Lily McKinnon
28 th Feb	Coffee Morning in Church Hall from 10.30 to 12noon
28 th Feb	Service of Prayers for Health and Healing Brodick 12noon
12 th Mar	St Bride's Ladies Church Hall 2pm AGM Jean Hunter
14 th Mar	Coffee Morning Church Hall from 10.30 to 12noon
24 th Mar	St Bride's Ladies SPRING FAYRE 2pm
28 th Mar	Coffee Morning in Church Hall from 10.30 to 12noon
29 th Mar	Service of Prayers for Health and Healing Shiskine 12noon
11 th Apr	Coffee Morning in Church Hall from 10.30 to 12noon
25 th Apr	Coffee Morning in Church Hall from 10.30 to 12noon
25 th Apr	Service of Prayers for Health and Healing 12noon
9 th May	Coffee Morning in Church Hall from 10.30 to 12noon