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Pastoral Letter

May 2012

Dear Friends,

Last week I had the opportunity to visit the Lake District. It is several years since I visited Windermere, Keswick and Grasmere. While visiting I remembered the time we visited Dove Cottage. Dove Cottage is one of the homes of the poet William Wordsworth. It has developed a visitor centre, Gallery and Museum. While passing the entrance to Dove Cottage I thought about the famous Wordsworth poem 'Daffodils'. Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed the Daffodils and Tulips. In his poem Wordsworth says,

*'For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.'*

Wordsworth remembers looking at the daffodils and even although he is sitting at home he remembers how beautiful they were and how good he felt to see them.

Often at a funeral service I will encourage people to 'dig deep' into the treasury of their memory.

The loss of memory can be distressing and upsetting. The look of a loved one when they cannot remember who we are can be devastating.

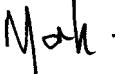
When memory is intact it can be rewarding.

Within the Bible the writer often encourages people to think of the past and how God has been faithful to them. It is only by remembering past faithfulness people can face the uncertainty of the future.

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As you read this letter I hope you can reflect and 'dig deep' into the treasury of your memory. Allow the good recollections to shape your day. Remember the people who have shaped you, the experiences that have moulded you and the gift that memory can be.

Memory is important but please don't let it rob you of seeing the new thing God is doing among us.

Kindest regards 

Parish Register

Baptisms

'Jesus said 'Let the children come to me, for as such is the Kingdom of heaven' . . . he placed his hand upon them and blessed them.'

- April 15 Elise Welsh, daughter of Graeme and Angela
Taylor Robert Reid Ralston, son of Alexander and Amanda
May 06 Elise Mitchell Gordon McMillan, daughter of Karen and Craig
Seren Travers Scott, daughter of James and Jacqueline

The Lord bless you, and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace

Weddings

'God is love and those who dwell in love dwell in God and God in them'
We celebrated the marriage of:

- March 31 Tracy Poynton and John McKay
April 27 Donna Scott and Graham O'Donnell

Funerals

*'Jesus said 'I am the resurrection and the life . . .' '
'Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted'
'Jesus said 'The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God'*

- March 30 John (Ian) Johnstone, 146 Monkland Avenue, Kirkintilloch
April 12 Mrs Mary Henderson, 8 Glenburn Court, Kirkintilloch
13 Colin Byrne, 19 Gartshore Crescent, Twechar
16 Robert McGilvery, The Anchorage, Cove
17 Robert Alan McBurnie, 7 Hayston Court, Kirkintilloch
25 Peter Guthrie, 9 Wyndford Drive, Maryhill, Glasgow
May 04 James Henderson, 8 Glenburn Court, Kirkintilloch



Church Flowers

We wish to thank the following members who will donate the flowers for the chancel of our Church during May.

- May 13 Miss J. Campbell, Mrs J. Finney, Mrs M. McCaffer,
Mrs D. Stewart, Mrs E. Walker
20 Mrs M. Anderson, Mrs D. Halliday, Mrs J. Lang, Mrs J. Melrose,
Mr G. Burns
27 Miss A. Tassie, Mrs E. Stirling
- June 03 Mrs D. McPherson, Mrs A. Cunningham, Mrs L. Burns,
Mrs F. Wishart, Mrs M. Malcolm

The following members, whom we wish to thank for their assistance, will be responsible for the Distribution

- May 06/13 Mrs J. McCann, Mrs A. Pearson
20/27 Mrs L. Sinclair, Mrs M. Wilson
- June 03/10 Mrs D. More, Mrs I. Kennedy

Thank You . . .

Thank you acknowledgements have been received from the following who received Chancel Flowers during the last month.

Mrs N. Marshall, Mrs M. Marshall, Mrs J. Honeker, Mr I Smith, Mrs E Donald, Mrs A. Cunningham, Mrs J. Robertson, Mrs V. Lindsay, Mr S. McClement, Mrs F. Warren, Mr Mrs P. Doran, Mrs B. Cousin, Mr J. Macintosh, Mrs M. Burns, Mrs. M. Lawson, Mrs K. Pollock, Mrs I. Hay, Mrs I. Bulloch, Mr Mrs A. McNamee, Mrs M. Rice on behalf of her Mum Martha Fraser, Mr G. Tinning, Miss A. Tassie, Mrs E. Henderson, Mrs M Johnstone, Mrs M Fyfe, Mrs J Thomson on behalf of the residents of Kelvin Court, Mr T Graham on behalf of his Aunt, Miss J Reid.

Mrs B. Bairn has again given a donation for Church Flowers in memory of her Mum.

I wish to thank all who gave donations to the Chancel Flowers during the month of April; they are greatly appreciated by all who receive them.

Janice Reid

Prayer Secretary

Dear Friends ...

One can never say that our weather is boring. Spring has passed from nearly tropical to snow and gives us a never-ending topic of conversation. A daughter who lives in southern U.S.A. has a swimming-pool they cannot use as the water is so hot. I'm glad our hot water comes only from the tap or the kettle! Hope you are enjoying the longer daylight and "summer" weather.

The following piece is from page 28 of Frank Topping's 'Lord of the evening'.

Lord,

Tomorrow I will meet a number of people
And I would like them to feel better
For having spent some time with me.

It will mean that I will have to think
More about them than myself
And that won't be easy,

It will take effort.

But of all the things
That I could spend my energy on
Few things could have more value
Than making someone smile
Or feel a little love.

Lord, help me to bring some joy or warmth
Into every meeting.

Yours Margaret

Yours, Margaret

The Bells of St Mary's

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| May | 13 | Lisa Thomson and Karen Morrison |
| | 20 | Lynsey Ferris and Janet Millin |
| | 27 | Dorothy Stewart and Ross Johnstone |
| June | 03 | James Paterson and Scott Millin |
| | 10 | Mary Stirling and Jen Biggans |



The Parishioner

Copy for the Summer issue (which includes June / July / August) should be handed to Sandra Burns, left in the Publications pigeon hole in the Hall vestibule, or sent by e-mail to sandraburns@ntlworld.com no later than SUNDAY 03 JUNE.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME

St Mary's is a sit anywhere Church and visitors are always welcome. If you feel there should be more to life than retail therapy and Friday night clubbing, try coming along to the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning. You may hear something to change how you value your life and your relationships with those around you. You don't have to join up to join in.

The Church office is located on the right as you enter the Church Halls. The secretary, Mrs Lynn Hay, is available in the office Monday to Friday 9.15 a.m. – 12.15 a.m. and may be the first point of contact for general enquiries. Lynn will be able to refer you to the person best suited to respond. Church office telephone and fax 0141 775 1166 or e-mail: office.stmarys@btconnect.com

St Mary's Church and Hall OPEN DAY

**Have you remembered the date:
SATURDAY, MAY 19th 10.00am till 1.00pm**

A celebration of life with Flowers and Music. Come and find the 'Quiet Centre' of St Mary's Church amidst the hustle and bustle of Kirkintilloch. take time out to appreciate the colour, beauty and stories behind the magnificent stained glass windows. Listen to music and hear young people singing eco-friendly songs at 12 noon.

Enjoy a free cup of tea/coffee in the Church Hall (donations to Bangladesh Project). Visit the Fair Trade Stall which supports projects in the poorest parts of our world.

Buy some delicious Malawi rice to support our Rice Challenge.

Also, on Sunday, May 20 there will be a special service.

**Are you up
for a
challenge?**



WaterAid

**200 mountains, 2,000 people, one
incredible day: Saturday 16 June 2012!**

The WaterAid200 Challenge features 200 mountains nominated by WaterAid supporters. The Challenge aims to place a team of 4-7 walkers on top of all 200 mountains across the UK and Ireland between 11am and 3pm on Saturday 16 June. In the process, we hope to raise £200,000 to support WaterAid's life saving work in Nepal.

If you are interested in participating in this event, or would like some more information about the challenge, then please speak to Gordon Morrison (578 5887). This is an opportunity to enjoy a great day's hill walking, while at the same time help WaterAid transform lives by improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation in the world's poorest communities.

www.wateraid.org.uk www.wateraid200.org



Christian Aid Week

May 13th – 20th 2012

Let's give the tools to help people in poverty out of poverty.

Last year Christian Aid week raised the fantastic sum of £12million. This money is being used to support some of the poorest communities around the world to find their own solutions to poverty. Christian Aid works to bring an end to poverty around the world – tackling its root causes as well as its effects. Christian Aid helps people of all faiths and none.

Currently Christian Aid is working through 507 local organisations in 47 countries providing urgent, practical and effective assistance, giving communities the tools and the skills to find their own solutions to poverty.

Guild Outing to St Andrews

Friday, May 18, 2012

The coach will depart from Sainsbury's Car Park at 10.45 am for our day in St Andrews. After leisure time for a nice stroll by the sea front, or some retail therapy, or perhaps a game of Putting, we will dine at the Scores Hotel for High Tea. I hope the weather is kind to us and we have an enjoyable day in each other's company.

Moira



The Kirkintilloch Horticultural Society

Plant Sale

The Annual Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 26 May 2012 in St Mary's Parish Church Hall from 8.30am – 1pm. Bedding plants, plants suitable for hanging baskets and assorted plants brought on by the members will be available.

Once again the Rotary Club of Kirkintilloch will support the event by providing tea, coffee, hot filled rolls and home baking. Bacon rolls will be available from 8.30am! Why not come along and buy your plants and enjoy a tasty breakfast served with a smile?

Rainbows

The Rainbow unit is busy just now preparing a banner and learning songs for the special "Eco Service" on Sunday 20th May. This banner has to depict "Carbon Footprint" and we have had lots of fun doing foot painting.

We have been doing challenges this session for a Rainbow Roundabout Badge and our theme for the next three weeks is the "Olympics".

We will finish for the summer on Wednesday 30th May when we will have an outing to the Ceramic Experience.

Rainbows will restart on Wednesday 12th September at 6.30pm. We will have three places available next session for girls aged 5-7 years who would like to join us. If you would like more information or want to put a name on our waiting list please phone: Agnes Marran on 0141 776 2225 or see her in Sunday school.

Friends of St Mary's Sponsored Cycle

Last year you may remember that 12 volunteers participated in the Glasgow to Edinburgh Cycle. We are organising a repeat performance this year on 9th September. It is part of the Fresh n' Lo Pedal for Scotland event and takes in a combination of cycle path, road and track routes for 47 miles from Glasgow Green to Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh. There is transport organised to bring you and your bike back. The entry fee includes lunch and various refreshment stops along the way; the Avonbridge Cake Stall being a particular favourite. If you are interested or want more information, speak to me or come to the church office after the service on Sunday 27th May where I will be on hand to give out more information and take names. The cost will be between £33 - £39 including transport from Edinburgh for adults and £23-£29 for under 16s /over 60s.

Charles Hay, Session Clerk

Diamonds are forever!

Come to our Great Big Jubilee Tea to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee

It will be held straight after the Service on Sunday 3rd June

Enjoy tea/coffee, savouries, biscuits and cake

Cost 2 Guineas

Tickets on sale after every service until Sunday 27th May

THE GREAT BIG JUBILEE TEA Join us to celebrate this once in a lifetime event!

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 'GRACE' RELEASED FOR COMMONWEALTH DAY

A specially-written grace has been released to use at Big Jubilee Lunches this summer. The Grace, made public on Commonwealth Day, gives thanks for the Queen's life of service to the nation and Commonwealth, and invites God's blessing on the food communities and on all those taking part in local Big Jubilee Lunches.

The grace reads:

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, we give you thanks for the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth; for her steadfast faith and for her royal service to this nation and all the peoples of the Commonwealth.

Bless the food before us and the people beside us; may the sharing of this meal strengthen our communities, and nurture the bonds between us of friendship, hope and trust.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who reigns as servant of all.

Amen

If you like Scotland, you'll appreciate St David of Scotland, who lived c.1085 – 1153

David became king of Scotland in 1124, and devoted himself to improving his country. This included a feudal system of land tenure in place of the Celtic tribal one; an Anglo-Norman judicial system, and the development of towns such as Edinburgh, Berwick and Perth.

Above all, David re-organised the Church in Scotland. Contact with Rome was close, but he opposed Canterbury's primatial claims. David founded several bishoprics, including those of Dunblane and Aberdeen. David was loved for his justice in administration, his accessibility to all, and his intense interest in gardens and orchards and buildings.

He was generous in alms-giving, and a devout Christian. When dying, and ordered to rest by his doctors, he said: "Allow me rather to think about the things of God, so that my soul may be strengthened...when I stand before God's judgement seat, none of you shall answer for me...."

David died on 24 May and centuries later his name was inserted in the calendar of the Prayer-book for Scotland. His historical importance is that he founded the Scotland which defied Edward I.

You got to have the recipe

A teenage girl was complaining to her grandmother how everything was going wrong for her: she hated school, she was fighting with her sister, her mum was driving her crazy, and a friend at school had let her down. Meanwhile, her granny was baking a cake. She asked her granddaughter if she would like a snack, which of course she did. "Here, have some cooking oil." "Yeuch" says the girl, horrified. "How about a couple raw eggs?" "Grannie, that is disgusting!" "Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Grannie, they're horrible!"

To which her grandmother replied: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves, but when they are put together in the right way and allowed to change in the oven, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!" She continued, "God works the same way in our lives. Problems can bring you blessings of growth in your life, but you need to let him change you on the inside."

Heart and Soul 2012

Heart and Soul 2012 is a celebration for the whole Church. All are welcome and the event is free.

Heart and Soul 2012 follows the success of Roll Away the Stone which was enjoyed by 5,000 people in May 2011. Heart and Soul 2012 is an event sponsored by the Church of Scotland taking place on Assembly Sunday.

Check out the website for more information.

Event details:

- Date: 20 May 2012
- Time: 1300 to 1800
- Location: Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh

Volunteer Required

We are seeking a volunteer to provide the Kirkintilloch Herald with information regarding things that happen around the Church. This is on a weekly basis for the section headed 'Around the Churches'. If you think you could help, or would like more information, please contact Sandra Burns on 0141 776 6322.

TREASURER'S REPORT

March Offering

DATE	FREEWILL OFFERING	GIFT AID	OPEN PLATE	STANDING ORDERS
04.03.12	720.01	615.50	79.10	
11.03.12	556.01	1333.80	181.20	
18.03.12	522.61	614.50	450.88	
25.03.12	529.11	443.50	73.10	
Standing orders				3379.00
TOTAL	2327.74	3007.30	784.28	3379.00
Total for the Month		9498.32		

MARCH RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS

Jim & Cynthia Keellings	270.00
Church Fair	1487.43
Over 50's Badminton	60.00
Life & Work receipts	69.60
Donation to Parishioner	10.00
A Donation for Communion glasses	200.00
Donation to Special projects fund from Mrs MacRae	100.00
Donation to Special projects fund from Mrs Gillespie	500.00
Eastside Company	250.00

Sudoku

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3	6		2		9	1	4	
	5	4						
		3	1					
7		9	5		2	3		4
					4	5		
						8	3	
	7	6	3		5		9	1
1				4		7	6	5

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1	3	2	9	4	8	7	6	5
8	7	6	3	2	5	4	9	1
4	9	5	6	7	1	8	3	2
6	2	1	8	3	4	5	7	9
7	8	9	5	6	2	3	1	4
5	4	3	1	9	7	6	2	8
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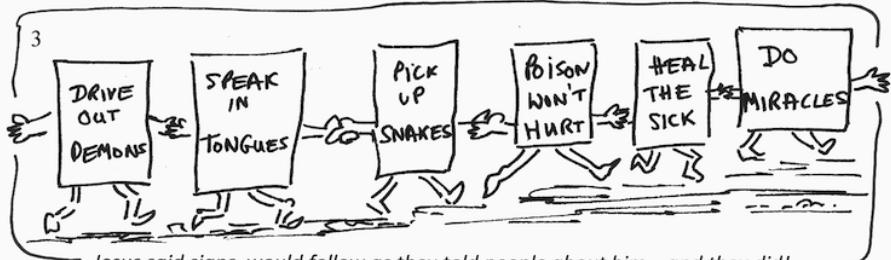


Jesus rose from the dead and Mary was one of the first to see him. She told his friends but they did not believe her. So Jesus came and told them off. He said: "Believe and go global!" He said anyone who believes and is baptised will be saved! Also believers would see signs and wonders accompany their preaching. Jesus went up to heaven and that's when they really started talking about him!!

Now it's OUR turn!

Read more in Mark 16: 9-19

Signs will follow!

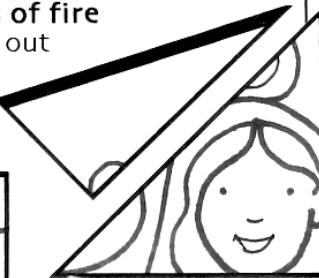


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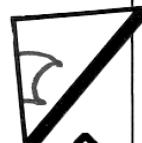
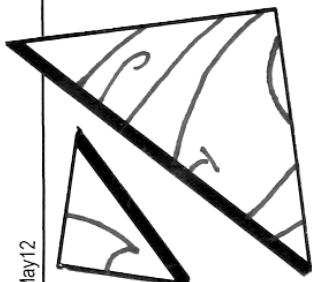
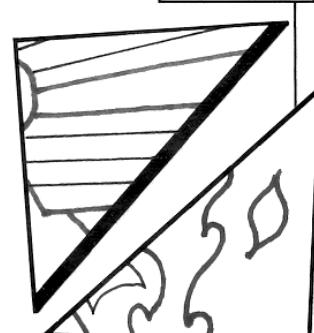


When the Holy Spirit came at **Pentecost** there was a noise from the sky which sounded like the blowing of a **violent wind** and what looked like **tongues of fire** which spread out and touched each person.



I
WILL
POUR OUT
MY SPIRIT
ON
ALL
PEOPLE
ACTS 2:17

Read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-41



The wind has mixed up these puzzle pieces.
Cut them out and rearrange into a flame shaped picture



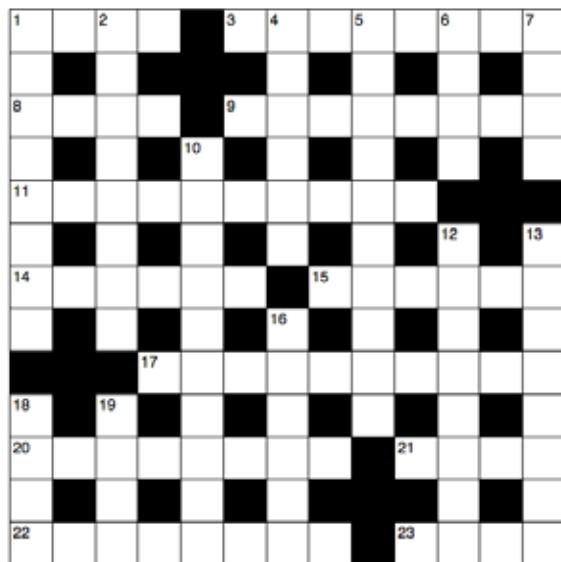
Across

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
- 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
- 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
- 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
- 11 Anglican form of church government (10)
- 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)
- 15 Ministers of religion (6)
- 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
- 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
- 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)
- 22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)
- 23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

Down

- 1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)
- 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)
- 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)

Crossword



ANSWERS AT FOOT OF PAGE

- 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)
- 6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)
- 7 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)
- 10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)
- 12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)
- 13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)
- 16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)
- 18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)

ACROSS: 1, Baby. 3, Stimulus. 8, Liar. 9, Forsaken. 11, Episcopacy. 14, Eagles. 15, Clergy. 17, Strengthen. 20, Holiness. 21, Obed. 22, Bethesda. 23, Stay. DOWN: 1, Believer. 2, Beatings. 4, Troops. 5, Musicology. 6, Like. 7, Sent. 10, Acceptance. 12, Prohibit. 13, Dying day. 16, Sensed. 18, Ahab. 19, Blot.



St MATTHIAS

May 14th

There is no mention of a Matthias among the lists of followers of Jesus in the Gospels but we assume that he was part of the larger group, outside the 12 disciples, during Jesus' ministry.

According to chapter one of Acts, after Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, the disciples sought to replace him. They nominated two men; Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias to replace Judas out of a group of about 120. The disciples prayed, and then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles. Acts, chapter 1, verses 23-26.

And that is all we really know about Matthias. That he was chosen.

But we do know that he was one of the witnesses of Jesus's ministry. He was one of the great cloud of witnesses that includes us today, to the power of God in changing lives.

CHANGE OVER

Can you rearrange these letters to make the names of people mentioned in the Bible? Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. A C B O J
2. N A N A
3. M A T H A R
4. N I S O M E U S
5. H A T B A T I
6. K O Z A D
7. S H A M I T A T
8. L I R E B A G



**What do you call
a bee born in
May?**
A maybe.



**What is green
and fluffy?**
A sea-sick poodle.

**What do you call a person
who can't weave?**
Unbeweavable.



Answers: 1.Jacob 2.Anna 3.Martha
4.Onesimus 5.Tabitha 6.Zadok
7.Matthias 8.Gabriel

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

Day	Organisation	Location	Time	Contact
Sunday	Sunday Worship	Church	11.00am	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Sunday School	Church Halls	11.00am	Elaine Stevens/Louise Barry
	Seekers		11.00am	Elaine Stevens/Louise Barry
	Creche	Church Halls	11.00am	Elaine Stevens/Louise Barry
	Fairtrade Stall	Main Hall	12 noon	Leslie Baird/Fiona Leishman
	Badminton			
	Beginners	Main Hall	4.30-5.30pm	Trevor Patterson
	Junior	Main Hall	5.30-7.30pm	Trevor Patterson
	Senior	Main Hall	7.30-9.30pm	Liz Barrie
	Youth Fellowship	Mid Hall	7.30-9.30pm	Lorna McCallum
Monday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Janet Brady
	Ladies Bowling	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Cathie Devine
	Shipmates	Main Hall	6-7pm	Lindsey Campbell
	BB Junior/Company	Main/Mid Hall	6.45-8.30pm	Garry Burns/Iain Hill
	Men's Club	Main Hall	7.30-10pm	Archie Smith
Tuesday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Janet Brady
	WRVS Lunch Club	Mid Hall	12.00-1.30pm	Jane Hutchison
	Ladies Badminton	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Doreen More
	Badminton			
	Junior	Main Hall	6-8pm	Trevor Patterson
	Senior	Main Hall	8-10.30pm	Liz Barrie
	Prayer Time	Session House	7-7.30pm	Rev Katy Owen
	Country Dancing	Mid Hall	7.45-10pm	Moira MacNeill
Wednesday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Janet Brady
	Wednesday Welcome	Session House	10-11.20am	Mary Stirling
	Wednesday Service	Church	11.30-12noon	Rev Mark Johnstone
	Over 50s Badminton	Main Hall	1.30-3.30pm	Anne Allan
	Rainbows	Mid Hall	6.30-7.30pm	Agnes Marran
	Brownies	Main Hall	6.30-7.45pm	Elizabeth Cousin
	Vestry	Church Vestry	7-9pm	Church Office
Thursday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Janet Brady
	Flower Circle (Alternate Weeks)	Mid Hall	7.30-9pm	Elizabeth Walker
Friday	Nursery	Church Halls	8.30-11.45am	Janet Brady
	Listener's Circle (Monthly)	Session House	2-4pm	
	Guild	Mid Hall	7.30-9pm	Moira MacNeill



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