

# The *Lych Gate*

The Newsletter of St Machar's Ranfurly Church



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## LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

### Presbytery mission planning

**What is going on?** Not everyone might be aware but this year all presbyteries need to come up with new 'presbytery mission plans' that allow for a 40% reduction in full time ministry posts by the end of 2025. The national target figure is 600 and includes 120 posts for centrally paid MDS (ministry development staff) personnel. This reorganisation includes a proportionately even greater reduction in the number of ministers of word and sacrament (480). In order to achieve this reduction which is motivated by the expected availability of both people and finances, a great number of congregations will need to unite or be served differently by ministers and MDS staff.

These figures have been agreed by the General Assembly of 2021 and since then all existing presbytery plans have been suspended and during this year all existing vacancies have been suspended, which means that they are not permitted to call a minister. This is to give the presbyteries time to create their new plans by the end of this year.

In our presbytery in September of last year a new mission planning task group has been created and they have asked all congregation to submit a mission audit – which we did in early January. These are being considered by the task group. A building audit of all churches and halls across the presbytery is also taking place as we speak.

Initially it was hoped that by the end of February there would be a draft plan to be discussed at a dedicated presbytery conference at the start of March. The conference did go ahead, and was held in person, which made for a nice change. However, a draft plan was not yet available at that

stage and instead we had discussions in our local mission area grouping. Our local mission area covers Kilbarchan including Lochwinnoch area, Bridge of Weir, Kilmacolm, Houston and Linwood. Per church the minister and two other representatives were invited to take part, however due to illness (mostly Covid) and colleagues having to convene other area groups, I was the only minister at our area group. Although it was interesting to share some initial conversation, I felt it didn't take us a whole lot further forward as it was hard to hear each other in the busy hall and there were no concrete proposals on the table as to how to share ministry across the area. There is to be another local mission area meeting where these things are taken further forward, but at the moment of writing I have not yet heard when this will take place. Our own Kirk Session had had a meeting ahead of the presbytery conference to discuss matters (as we have done on a number of occasions) but without specifics (such as number of FT posts available for our area) it is hard to know what to suggest or expect.

A proposed union in Kilmacolm has fallen through at the moment due to one of the congregations voting against it (though their kirk session had supported it). So this has now also gone back to the planning committee. A solution will need to be found to allocate and share a proportionate number of ministry posts across our area in a way that encourage mission, rather than spreads it ever more thinly! Team ministry is a word that is mentioned quite often, but how this is done or organised can vary from having a 'super union' with all congregations in an area to appointing ministers for a certain percentage to a their own

parish and for the rest to the wider area. As I have said no specific number has still officially been mentioned, but to my mind (doing the math) a figure of 4 full time posts (not necessarily all ministers) might be available for the formerly 7 separate charges in our area.

What complicated planning is that ministers in an unrestricted charge (the majority are) cannot be 'forced' to go elsewhere but in reality most will have to consider taking on other parish areas or new unions. Ministers in reviewable charges (such as myself) face uncertainty as they can be given 6 months' notice when a review has taken place and presbytery decides to call in the charge. The charge in my case was 7 years reviewable so there are still 2 years left until the review. For everyone up and down the country in the Church of Scotland, this is an unsettling time. For me personally it would be good to have greater clarity about the way ahead. However, it also is a time of waiting and acknowledging that some things are outside one's control. The challenge is to remain outward looking at a time when everything seems to be about 'preservation' of what we think we have.

The image of pruning comes to mind – as Jesus taught his disciples in the hours before his arrest and death: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful". (John 15:1-2) Of course, we naturally resist this kind of pruning because it is painful and unsettling. We have to trust the Gardener even if the pruning shears are in the hands of mere mortals such as ourselves!

Yours  
*Hanneke*



Thanks to Dick Hughes for the front cover picture of a bee which he saw on one of his walks in early March. We are reminded of God's gift of new life each Spring.



## JUNIOR CHOIR



The Junior Choir now consists of fifteen young singers in the Primary 3 – Primary 7 age bracket. They come loyally each week full of energy and enthusiasm which is great to see! Special thanks must go to the team of volunteer helpers who try and keep the children out of mischief! We've started the Royal School of Church Music's *Voice for Life* programme. This can be done by singers of all

ages, not just children. The *Voice for Life* programme progresses through a series of workbooks which help take the participants through the skills needed to be able to sing properly and understand music theory as well. Each level contains a set of targets which the participant must achieve before being allowed to progress to the next level. Upon completing a level the participant is awarded a certificate and a badge as a reward. So far, the young people have been learning about good posture for singing and the right way to breathe. There's a lot of fun warm-ups which they seem to have taken to with a great deal of

enthusiasm. We'll learn about how our voices work, a little about music notation as well as what it means to be in a choir. A lot of what we learn through *Voice for Life* complements the music which we sing so the children can learn more than just singing the right notes and hopefully will leave with a deeper understanding of how music and the voice works. We finished the term with a small concert on Thursday 31 March at 5.00 p.m. and will be back on the 21 April at 4.00 p.m. going until the end of May. Hopefully we can have the Junior Choir appearing at some point on Music Sunday (12 June).  
Ian Munro

## EASTER GARDEN PROJECT

Have  
Fun

Hear about  
the Easter  
Story

Make your own  
Easter Garden  
& one for the  
village

A yellow sun with rays, containing the text "Primary School Children".

Primary  
School  
Children

Freeland, St Machar's Ranfurly & St Mary's Church

# EASTER GARDEN PROJECT

Freeland Church Hall  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
10-12pm

Illustration of two red ladybugs with black spots on green grass. One ladybug is larger and positioned above a pink circle containing text.

Crafts  
& Games

Register via the church website [www.freelandchurch.org.uk](http://www.freelandchurch.org.uk)

## FROM THE ORGAN LOFT



At the start of the year St. Machar's Ranfurly Church became an affiliate member of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). What is the RSCM, I hear you ask and why are we now an affiliate member of this organisation? The RSCM, the heart and home of Church Music, is a Christian charity promoting 'the study, practice and improvement of music in worship'. The RSCM was founded by Sir Sidney Nicholson in 1927 and celebrates its centenary in 2027. The purpose of the RSCM is to support churches and enable music to thrive in congregations throughout the world. It delivers its work at an international level through programmes such as *Voice for Life* and *Church Music Skills*; at national level (organised from its head office in Sarum College, Salisbury) through the member magazine, *Church Music Quarterly* and quarterly guide to choosing music for worship, *Sunday by Sunday*; the RSCM Press, publishing music and training resources; website; The RSCM national youth choir – the *RSCM*

*Millennium Youth Choir*; training chorister provides, at all levels choirs – RSCM Voices and Cathedral Singers (including RSCM Scottish Voices); and through courses for singers, organists, instrumentalists, clergy and worship leaders. A new education plan covering four main education strands: Choral, Congregational & Instrumental, Ministerial and Organ is designed to further train those involved in leading the various aspects of an act of worship. At local level, area teams organise festivals, local courses (including the Dunblane Summer School) and singing award schemes thus ensuring the RSCM's mission is as far reaching as possible, as well as pertinent to local areas. The range of resources – printed music, chorister training programmes (especially the *Voice for Life* which we've just started with the Junior Choir) and educational support on offer to churches is invaluable. *Music Sunday* which is celebrated on Sunday 12 June is a fabulous opportunity not only to celebrate the role of church music in worship and the dedication of all our church musicians, but also to reach out into the community and join with others. We hope to have a special event at St. Machar's as part of this. *International Chorister Day* (Sunday 9th October 2022) is a celebration of the amazing opportunities that being a

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## COVID UPDATE

The Covid Committee and Kirk Session have met and have recommended that most of the distance related restrictions in the Church are lifted. Masks still need to be worn, until further guidance is received from the Scottish Government or "121". Ventilation will continue as before and sanitization of hands will also be requested on entering the Church or Hall. It is planned to have "Coffee after Church" upstairs after Easter provided no further restrictions are recommended.

Dennis Taylor

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

RANFURLY & ST. MACHAR'S PARISH CHURCH

present

" THE 27 CLUB "

in

VARIETY NIGHT ???  
(We were surprised so will you be)

in St. Machar's Church Hall  
on Thursday 26th & Friday 27th November  
at 7.30 p.m.

COMPERE.....Mr. A. Barker.

PROGRAMME ... 6d

Thanks to Sandra Liddell for  
some more items from the  
archives:



"A ROOM IN THE TOWER" by Hugh Stewart.  
Characters in order of appearance: ...  
Mrs. Tynney .....Freda Barker  
Lady Jane Grey .....Sylvia Thom  
Mrs. Ellen .....Dorothy Speirs  
Mary Tudor .....Eileen Carmichael

Producer: Judy Rowse.

ACCORDIANISTS....Agnes & Willie Kirkwood.

----- INTERVAL -----  
-Tea will be served-

THE MOSS GATHERERS .....Folk Singers.

HONEY BUN ..... Song by Sylvia Thom.

THE 27 CLUB : A Rosebud by my Early Walk.  
After Water, .....  
The Gallant Weaver.

DUET FROM PATIENCE by Gilbert & Sullivan  
Sung by Sylvia Thom & Freda Barker.

POEMS: People. Freda Barker.  
The Littlest One

THE MOSS GATHERERS

SOPRANO SOLOIST ....Miss Rachel Rough.  
--(Thursday only)--

PIANO SOLOIST .....Eileen Carmichael.

THE 27 CLUB: Skye Boat Song.  
Island Spinning Song.  
Dashing White Sergeant.

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VOTE OF THANKS - Rev.D.A.MacLeod.  
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NATIONAL ANTHEM.

### AIRPORT RUNS

*Hurrah! Travel restrictions lifted!  
Holidays! Airport Run*



You'll be happy to hear that airport runs are beginning again.....cautiously – probably at the start of April.

If you wish a lift to the airport (or Johnstone Station) contact Morven McLeod (07887 771522) or Jane Stirling (01505 228119).

A donation towards Church Funds is requested.

**You will need to take 4 x £1 coins to the airport (to allow your driver to leave the Car Park).**

If you'd like to join our pool of car drivers, please contact Morven or Jane for more information.

### LOSING HEART?

**Some Quotes to help:**

- \* Everyone is gifted, but some people don't open their package
- \* Don't kill the dream - execute it!
- \* Never fear shadows, that only means there is a light shining somewhere
- \* Individually we are one drop. Together we are an ocean
- \* Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.
- \* There are high spots in all our lives and most of them have come about through encouragement from someone else
- \* May you find serenity and tranquillity in a world you may not always understand



# 1<sup>ST</sup> BRIDGE OF WEIR BOYS' BRIGADE



## The Company section

continues with a varied programme, greatly assisted this term by members of

St Machars Ranfurly. Just before Valentine's Day, Hanneke Marshall took the bold step of leading a discussion with the boys on some aspects of romantic relationships, in particular the confidence issues that can be generated by the portrayal of exaggerated male body shapes in current media. None of the present leaders are well versed in drill, so Dick Hughes has been giving us the benefit of his expertise. David Macdonald gave a hands-on presentation about bicycle maintenance and will be returning to discuss with the boys the role of Christian Aid. I would like to thank all these people for their valuable and enjoyable contributions. Inspired by the Olympics we have booked an evening of curling instruction at Greenacres.

We have continued to have lots of fun at **Junior Section** this year. One "highlight" was a Glow in the Dark night where we turned out all the lights and played glowstick bowling and hoopla. We also made a box full of stars and learned a little about the constellations, focussed on the Winter Olympics, decorated pancakes and tested our reactions and listening skills in a new game "Reaction dodgeball". Our Bible talks have focussed on Jesus and we have learned lessons from several parables and miracles of

Jesus. We are looking forward to taking part in the Figure Marching competition which takes place on 20<sup>th</sup> March.

If any boys in P4 to P6 would like to join us or come along one night to try it out, please get in touch.

**The Anchor Boys** have 8 P1, 2P2 and 1P3 boys at present. This session they made very messy lard and seeds bird feeders as part of the RSPB Big Garden birdwatch week, used the manners monsters material to show the importance of good manners, had a sticky night with pancakes around Shrove Tuesday, and had a themed night on Daniel and the lions' den. Later this session they will be looking at differences and celebrating that we are all special and another themed night on Knights and dragons. All the usual activities of crafts, games and bible stories take place.

There is still concern about leader numbers for the Anchors. Although joined this year by one new leader, both Alan and Geraldine have other commitments which may increasingly take one or other of them away on a Thursday. Please give serious consideration if you would be able to help with this valuable service. Thursdays 6.15 to 7.30pm in the Freeland hall.

Brian Logie, captain.

Susan Wylie, Juniors.

Geraldine Miller, Anchors.

## APRIL QUIZ (WHAT IS THE SCOTTISH LOCH)

		Answer
1	Unnatural natural satellite has a pound and a penny	
2	R.....roam around	
3	Bif	
4	Yearn	
5	Home of a monster?	
6	Female horse going East	
7	When new, sweeps clean	
8	Listen to the penalty	
9	A pound in the fire remains	
10	Sounds as if puss is on a European river	
11	Rattle can horn	
12	Nil hen produces it	

**February Quiz Answers:** 1. Nectarine 2. Lychee 3. Apple 4. Ugli (fruit) 5. Damson  
6. Quince 7. Papaya 8. Lemon 9. Satsuma 10. Pomegranate 11. Banana

## 1<sup>ST</sup> BRIDGE OF WEIR GUIDES (WEDNESDAY GUIDES)

In January, after an evening reviewing the past year, we engaged in a thought provoking 'trading game' activity. The girls needed to 'make' trainers to sell. It clearly showed how trade works, who benefits and who loses and how trade can affect your personal wealth.

In February we celebrated Chinese New Year. We made our own spring rolls and had fun trying to eat them with chopsticks. Of course, in February we celebrate Thinking Day each year and this year we made Internationally themed 'mocktails' and enrolled our new Guides.



March always brings yummy pancake fun and this year we made our own butter to go along with them pancakes. We were pleased the butter tasted so good! We also held a craft/upcycling session. The first week the girls brought in old white t-shirts. We prepared them first and then added dye for a tie-dyeing effect. After being washed out at home the t-shirts were then made into useful tote bags. We hope the girls' mums will be very relaxed after using their home made, coloured bath salts that we made for Mother's Day.

We will finish the session with another on-line workshop with Jumping Clay and we are looking forward to making an Easter bunny using air-dry clay.

Christine Haddock  
1<sup>st</sup> Bridge of Weir Guides

### LIFE AND WORK

Dear Life and Work Promoter

18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

We recognise not everyone within congregations is a Life and Work reader. Therefore, to encourage new subscribers and keep people connected through the pages of the Church of Scotland magazine, we share details of our latest subscription offer.

#### EASTER OFFER

- **Print:** 12 issues for the price of 10 offer price £30 - enter promotion code EAST22 to receive £6 discount. *UK delivery address and new subscribers only.*
- **Digital:** 12 issues for £14.99 (normally £20.99) no code required – simply select the introductory offer option.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the offer should visit [www.lifeandwork.org/subscribe](http://www.lifeandwork.org/subscribe). The offer is valid until 30.04.22. The print offer will be purchased as a personal subscription and delivered to the person's address. It will not be added to the congregation's order if you have one in place.

Subscribers to Life and Work support the vital and vibrant work of our Church while keeping connected with the Christian community in Scotland, and further afield.

We hope there is an opportunity for you to share news of this promotion with others and we thank you in advance for your loyal support.

Best wishes  
The Life and Work Team

### BOOK CLUB



There has been a suggestion from a member of the congregation that we should start a Book Club. This could be a monthly meeting in the Millennium Room or by zoom, depending on what the majority prefer.

All interested in this should e-mail or phone the Session Clerk.

[sessionclerk@stmacharsranfurlychurch.org.uk](mailto:sessionclerk@stmacharsranfurlychurch.org.uk)  
(01505-612417)

A meeting of those interested will then be arranged.

## A MUSICAL INTERLUDE

### The Church Choir

- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the additions of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones.
- One of the Sopranos sang "I will not pass this way again", giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- The minister will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'
- The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir
- The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung by the choir without musical accomplishment.

### Student exam howlers in music

- The great composers were Bach, Handel and Mantovani
- Music sung by two people at the same time is called a duel
- Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died from this
- A virtuoso is a musician with very high morals
- Bach wrote a great many musical compositions and had a large number of children.
- In between he practised on an old spinster, which he kept in his attic.

### Music Quotes from the Composers

- Music is the silence between the notes Claude Debussy
- Music is the most disagreeable and the most widely beloved of all noises T Gautier
- Music should strike fire from the heart of man and bring tears from the eyes of woman Ludwig Van Beethoven

### Did You Know

that

- Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin, Vivaldi and Rimsky Korsakov all had perfect pitch
- At the age of two, Mozart identified a pig's squeak as being a G#
- Mozart composed a piano piece that required the player to use both hands and his nose in order to hit all the right notes.

### And Finally

- Remember that you are making music not to amuse yourself but to delight your audience.  
It's easy to play any musical instrument, all you have to do is touch the right key at the right moment  
and the instrument will play itself. J S Bach

Helen Bullen



*Happy  
Easter*





## THE SCOTTISH REGALIA

Mary Taylor's story in the last issue of this publication got me looking through Scott's information regarding this subject. I had come to hate books during my time at school owing to the large amount of homework every night when I was supposed also to read a large volume of Dickens or Scott or the like, as a home reader. In my early thirties a friend had me in the top floor of Smiths bookshop in St. Vincent Street where I bought a book written by Walter Scott. I never looked back. Scott became a great hero. I have produced the following from his letters, copies of which I have. Around 1651 the Scottish Honours were removed to Dunnottar Castle for security. When Cromwell, who determined to punish the Scots for their support of the King, marched his troops to Dunnottar and laid siege, it was thought unlikely that the castle could withstand the English and the regalia was smuggled out by a clergyman's wife under a quantity of hards of lint and was buried under the pulpit at Kinneff Kirk. Wind of this reached the English and the minister (Grainger) and his wife were put to torture which they bravely bore. Ogilvie (the deputy governor of the castle) and his lady were threatened with the utmost extremities by General Morgan, the republican commander, but they stuck to the story that the regalia had been carried away to France. They suffered long imprisonment and

much ill usage.

At the Restoration the old Countess Marischal obtained for her younger son Keith (Dunnottar Castle Governor) the Earldom of Kintore and the post of Knight Marischal with £400 per year pension (more than £80,000 now), as if he had been preserver of the honours, instead of being abroad at the time. Grainger the clergyman would only deliver the regalia to Ogilvie and Ogilvie was made a knight Barnet with a new charter for his lands. The Grangers, with fingers and knees disjointed for keeping the secret, got nothing at all, as Scott says "a goodly medicine for their aching bones".

An article of union in 1707 included that the honours should never be removed from Scotland and their home in Edinburgh Castle. Somehow it became generally averred that regalia had been sent to London and that Scott, amongst others, had seen what purported to be the Crown of Scotland, removed illegally. From Scott's conversations with the Prince Regent in 1815, a commission for the examination of the strong room in Edinburgh Castle was made. Scott's letter of 14th January 1818 to Morrit, his good friend and English MP, notes "our fat friend (the Prince Regent) has remembered a petition which I put to him, and has granted a commission to the officers of state and others to institute a search for the Regalia of Scotland". An

authentic document notes that the regalia must be placed in a strong chest, secured with many locks, and the chest placed in a strongroom which must be carefully bolted up and secured.

Scott's letter dated 4th February to his friend Crocker at the Admiralty in London notes "I have the pleasure to assure you that the Regalia of Scotland were this day found in perfect preservation. The Sword of State and Sceptre showed marks of hard usage at some former period". Elsewhere he records "the Sword is a most beautiful piece of workmanship, the scabbard richly decorated with filigree work of silver double gilded representing oak leaves and acorns".

Cromwell had previously destroyed the English regalia, melting the gold forming currency and selling the great jewels. His plan to do the same to Scotland's Honours was frustrated by brave people, the bravest and most damaged receiving nothing for their pains.

John MacKenzie



## 2ND BRIDGE OF WEIR GUIDES (TUESDAY GUIDES)

Tuesday Guides have had a busy month and quite a productive month. The girls have been learning different ways to communicate using sign language and morse code. Due to being inside flashing light wasn't appropriate, and we didn't have sound, so we had morse messages made out in knotted string. It was quite fun, and it took some serious team work to get all the letters in the correct order.

We have been looking at health and various scenarios. Our two Young Leaders ran an evening asking the girls "Are you OK?" They were presented with different situations and discussed



how they would respond. The girls made feeling masks. We had an evening in the Millennium Room when we had planned to make

pancakes so the girls, with space at a premium made items in air dried clay. Some were more successful than others. There was a variety of items produced and last Tuesday we finally got around to painting them. We finished off the evening with an indoor Easter Egg hunt.

We are nearly at the end of the Spring Term with one more evening to go. We have a first aider booked for next Tuesday so it should be an opportunity for everyone to practice their technique on the mannequins.

Moira Johnston

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK



**Christian Aid Week**  
**15-21 May 2022**

A big thank you to everyone who helped to keep Christian Aid Week going over the past couple of years despite all the covid disruptions.

This year Christian Aid Week will take place from 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May. We should be able to get back to doing more of the house-to-house collection using the traditional "red envelope".

### **Volunteers please!**

And like last year, this will be supported by an online giving option through a dedicated Bridge of Weir "e-envelope".

The work of Christian Aid is more important than ever this year. The horrendous situation developing in Ukraine is a chilling reminder of the circumstances which led to Christian Aid being founded more than 75 years ago – the refugee crisis following the second world war.

Meanwhile climate change, covid and injustice are driving even more of the world's population into extreme poverty and hunger. Christian Aid plays a crucial role in tackling poverty and the causes of poverty throughout the world. And as a member of D.E.C. (Disasters Emergency Committee) it also plays a vital role in delivering much needed support for refugees.

We are not helpless in the face of these challenges. Indeed, we are an important source of help. This is our opportunity to play our part. When the red envelope drops through your door, please give generously. If you prefer, or you don't receive an envelope, please donate using the dedicated Bridge

of Weir "e-envelope". This will be going live towards the end of April. The web link to the envelope is:

[https://  
envelope.christianaid.org.uk/  
envelope/bridge-of-weir](https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/bridge-of-weir)

Or just scan this QR code to go straight to the envelope:



Find out more about Christian Aid at

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

David Macdonald

# NOTICES

## DIARY

April	Sunday 10th	10.30 am	Morning Service - Palm Sunday
	Thursday 14th	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service in Hall
	Friday 15th	7.30 pm	Good Friday Service
	Sunday 17th	10.30 am	Easter Sunday Morning Service
	Sunday 24th	10.30 am	Morning Service
May	Sunday 1st	10.30 am	Morning Service
	Sunday 8th	10.30 am	Morning Service
	Sunday 15th	10.30 am	Morning Service - All Age
	Sunday 22nd	10.30 am	Morning Service
	Sunday 29th	10.30 am	Morning Service
June	Sunday 5th	10.30 am	Sacrament of Holy Communion Stated Annual Meeting
	Sunday 12th	10.30 am	Morning Service



### FUNERALS

Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

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Agnes Crawford  
16th February 2022

## SMARTIE CHALLENGE

### Smartie Challenge – The Sequel!

Can you help us raise some funds for the church? The Fundraising Committee will be reintroducing the Smartie Challenge in April. You will be given a tube of Smarties to enjoy and then we would like you to return the tube, filled with coins! We are happy to accept any coins that fit, from 1p to £1. When the tube is returned, you will be rewarded with another tube of Smarties!

## HOLIDAY CHALET

Wester Ross  
(Achiltibuie / Summer Isles area)



Self-catering; sleeps up to six, but ideal for two to four.  
£250 pw.

**All proceeds to church fund-raising.**

For further info & dates, contact:

Dave Macdonald 612472  
(dave.sonas@outlook.com)

## THE TERRACE

*The Terrace* 

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**COFFEE & SCONES**

10 am – 12 noon

Entry Free

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Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**LUNCH**

12 noon - 1.30 pm

Homemade Soups, Sandwiches, Tea/Coffee, Biscuits

Entry £4

Come along and enjoy good food and good company

**St. Machar's Ranfurly  
Church Hall**



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## ROTAS

	WELCOME		SOUND AND VISION	
April 10	Naomi Butterworth	Marion Reid	n/a	Jonnie Watson
14	Mary Taylor	Dennis Taylor	n/a	Lois Marshall
15	Mary Taylor	Dennis Taylor	Greg Millar	Beth Robertson
17	Norma Hancock	Scott McLaughlin	Jonnie Watson	Drew Richardson
24	Anne Allen	Morven McLeod	Jonnie Watson	Katelyn Macfadyen
May 1	Mary Taylor	Dennis Taylor	Naomi Butterworth	Jonnie Watson
8	David Macdonald	Margaret Richardson	Harrison Butterworth	Jonnie Watson
15	Jennie Durward	Bill Christie	n/a	Jonnie Watson
22	Anne Yeaman	Ann Hart	Jonnie Watson	Lois Marshall
29	Agnes McKechan	Elizabeth Lyle	Jonnie Watson	Naomi Butterworth
June 5	Norma Hancock	Philip McCulloch	Harrison Butterworth	Jonnie Watson
12	Bill Robb	Naomi Butterworth	Katelyn Macfadyen	Jonnie Watson

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Day	Time	Activity	
Monday	9.30 am	Pilates	Hall
Monday	7 pm	Pilates	Hall
Tuesday	7.30 pm	Guides	Hall
Wednesday	6 pm	Rainbows	Hall
Wednesday	7.30 pm	Guides	Hall
Thursday	4 pm	Junior Choir	Church
Thursday	6.45 pm	Yoga	Hall
Thursday	7.30 pm	Choir	Church
Friday	7 pm	Boys Brigade	Hall
Saturday	9.30 am	Dance West	Hall
Sunday	7 pm	Young Farmers	Hall

### HALL & CHURCH HIRE

Our hall is available for birthday parties, occasions, activities and classes on a one-off or regular let basis. It is located underneath the sanctuary and is accessible by two doors, one of which is suitable for wheelchairs and prams. The main hall is approximately 13 by 13 metres and has tables and chairs available to use. There is a small kitchen and another room adjacent to the main hall, which is suitable for smaller gatherings. There are gents and ladies toilets, as well as an accessible toilet with baby change facility. We have a pull down projector screen in the main hall. The cost of a half day let is £55 and full day £100. For charitable or non-profit causes, please enquire about our preferential prices. The sanctuary and millennium room can also be booked. For all enquiries and availability please contact Anne Yeaman on 01505 612886 or 07984 527482 .