

Friends,

I've been reading 'Love, Death, and Resurrection'- a remarkable book about a world-changing man, aided by an exceptional team of individuals. This unique version of the New Testament, created in collaboration with the Scottish Bible Society, is available as friendly paperback, free of chapter and verse numbers. It unfolds the tale of Jesus and the ongoing mission of the Church, centered on love, care, and compassion. I commend the book to you, details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Two millennia after his death, millions still engage with Jesus' teachings, seeking to apply their profound significance to daily life. Jesus proclaimed, "I've come to bring abundant life," and the Gospels emphasize that a relationship with God offers the most exhilarating existence. Experiencing God's purpose, touch, and forgiveness not only brings meaning and fulfillment but also leads to peace and harmony with Him. The story of Jesus remains pertinent today, and within the Church all are welcome.

Here on the Peninsulas, the Church of Scotland congregations are here for you and for everyone. This newsletter contains updates on our activities, and you're invited to join in at any of our churches or connect online as, collectively we pursue a life filled with love and vitality.

May you all know God's blessings and peace...



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It's Not Too Early to Talk About Christmas!



Christmas may seem too far ahead to mention it, but it is not too soon to start collecting for the Blythswood Christmas Box Appeal. As many of you will know, this area has for many years generously donated to this long-standing scheme where shoe boxes are filled with small useful Christmas presents, which are delivered to people in desperate situations. These boxes have gone to such places as Romania, Ukraine etc and have given much joy to those who have nothing. The boxes need to be ready by the end of October. It's a huge logistical task to organise packing and shipping.

It is now difficult for one person to be able to fill one shoebox, it is expensive and not easy to source locally all appropriate items. Also, it is not easy to acquire an empty usable shoebox. We will be able to source boxes if required. The list on page 4 indicates some of the gifts that could be included. Money donations are also accepted.

If you want to contribute, you don't need a full box - just buy a wee thing or two and hand it in at any of the churches or other collection places - www.peninsulachurches.org.uk/shoeboxes for details

Please give a thought and a wee gift to the Blythswood Christmas Box Appeal.

Claudia

Claudia Nicholson, elder at Strontian.

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BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS APPEAL

6 steps to bring happiness

1 Find: Find an average-size shoebox. Decide who to fill it for; a child, a teenager, a man or a woman.

2 Wrap: your box and lid separately so that the lid can be removed without tearing the paper.

3 Pack: Gather the items, remove all plastic and cardboard packaging and pack into the box. **Please choose items that will last rather than those with a short life and can't be recycled.**

4 Check: On the checklist, tick the items you have put in your shoebox and note any that are not on the list.

5 Donate: Secure the ticked checklist to the **outside** of the shoebox lid using sticky tape. Detach the donation envelope as instructed and place **on top of the items** inside your box.

6 Deliver: Secure the lid with rubber bands. (Custom regulations require Blythswood Care to check the contents of your box) **Deliver your box to your local collection point.**

For Christmas delivery your shoebox should be at your church, school or other collection point during last week of October of November

BY 31ST OCTOBER



Checklist

Please tick items included and firmly secure this list on your shoebox lid.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS (ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW)

Please include the following items highlighted in red opposite.

Toiletries (NO TALCUM POWDER)

- ☐ Shampoo/Shower gel
- ☐ Face cloth/ Moist wipes
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Moisturising Cream
- ☐ Comb/Brush
- ☐ Sanitary Products
- ☐ Shaving foam/Razors

Miscellaneous

- ☐ New Make-up
- ☐ Sewing Equipment
- ☐ Household Candles
- ☐ Screwdrivers/Pliers
- ☐ Household products

Stationery

- ☐ Pens/Pencils/Sharpener
- ☐ Notepads/ Colouring books
- ☐ Rulers/Rubbers

Clothes and other Items

(T-shirts/Pyjamas/ Jumpers/Shirts) etc

- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐

- ☐ **Toothbrush and Toothpaste**
- ☐ **Hat, scarf, gloves**
- ☐ **Soap**
- ☐ **Underwear/ Socks/Tights**
- ☐ **Small Toy***
- ☐ **Sweets***

NOTE* Small toy for boys and girls such as, cars, dolls, balls.

A **small gift** for teens and adults. Please only include new items.

* (No chocolate or any other food) 'Best before' date no earlier than 31 March next year. No loose sweets, lollies or undated bags of sweets.

Do not include used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns or knives or military figures; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; chocolate or any food other than sweets. Chocolate Eclairs and Chocolate Limes are not allowed; books that are mainly words should also not be included.

Please tick the box next to who the box is for and the age of the female or male you have filled this box for:

☐ **Female** ☐ **Male**

- ☐ **Preschool** age.....
- ☐ **Primary** age.....
- ☐ **Teenager** age.....
- ☐ **Adult** age.....
- ☐ **Elderly** age.....

Filled shoeboxes or individual items for inclusion in boxes can be brought to any of the churches - or contact one of the ministry team who will arrange collection.

Donald: 01967 402234 Ella: 01967 431834 Jade: 07725 703029

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, appearing in Matthew and in Luke's gospels has come to be known as 'The Lord's Prayer'.

It is perhaps best known in the form in which it appears in Matthew's gospel in the King James Version of the Bible of 1611, and subsequently in the Anglican Book of Common Prayer of 1662.

The first complete English translation of the Bible is from John Wycliffe's 1382 version within which the Lord's Prayer is rendered:

Oure fadir that art in heuenes, halewid be thi name;
thi kyngdoom come to; be thi wille don in erthe as in heuene;
yyue to vs this dai oure breed ouer othir substaunce;
and foryyue to vs oure dettis, as we foryyuen to oure dettouris;
and lede vs not in to temptacioun, but delyuere vs fro yuel.
Amen.

Language changes over the years, and more recently in 1988 the English Language Liturgical Consultation prepared a version in contemporary language which was included in the Church of Scotland Common Order published in 1992.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen

When we pray the Lord's Prayer it can become 'praying by rote', and using a different version can encourage deeper engagement with our prayer. When you pray, whether at home alone or in church with others, use whatever version and language is most meaningful to you. And if you really want to be true to the original you'll need to brush up on your first century Aramaic.

You Count Too

Church is not just for old people it's for you too.

So what would you like to happen in church?



I like church because

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I don't like church because.....

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I wish church.....

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A Prayer for Harvest Time (from Spill the Beans)

Generous God, we thank you for the wonderful gifts our world provides for us, grains and beans, fruit and vegetables, meat and fish, all colours, shapes and sizes, each part of the world producing its own varieties.

Loving God, we are all too aware that for too many access to food that is fresh and affordable is difficult.

We pray for people who struggle to eat enough each day, for those who cannot afford to buy the food they need for their family and for those who have to travel many miles to have access to food.

We give thanks for the charities and people who volunteer to ensure everyone is fed and has access to food.

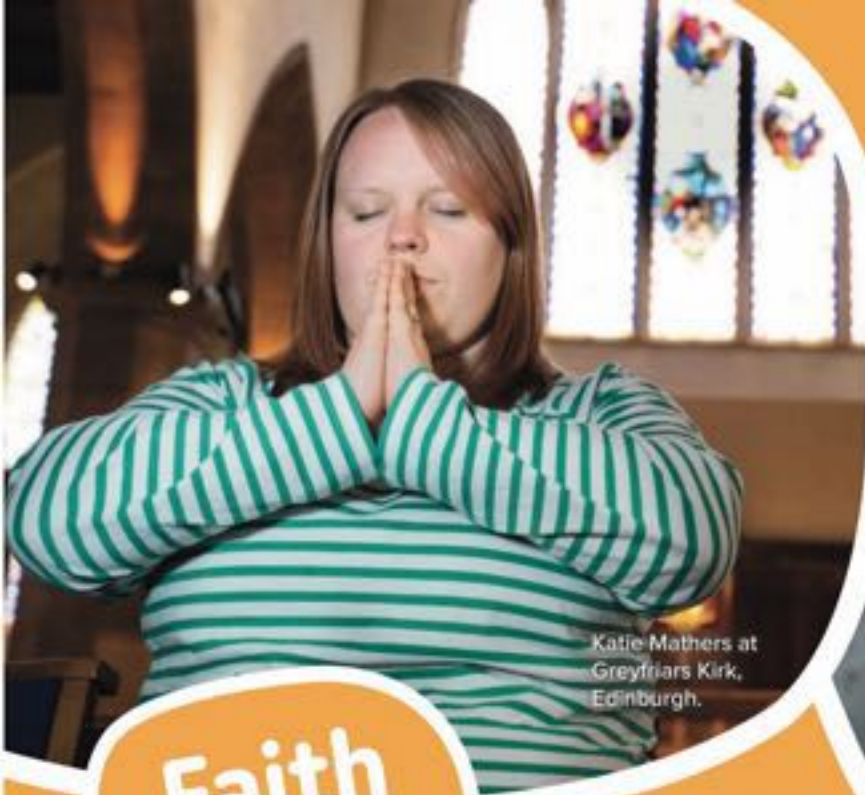
We pray for our world leaders, that they might make it a priority to find ways to share resources fairly.

We give thanks for farmers and fishermen, for all who work in the food chain producing, processing and delivering food to us and for the shops and markets where we can choose what to buy.

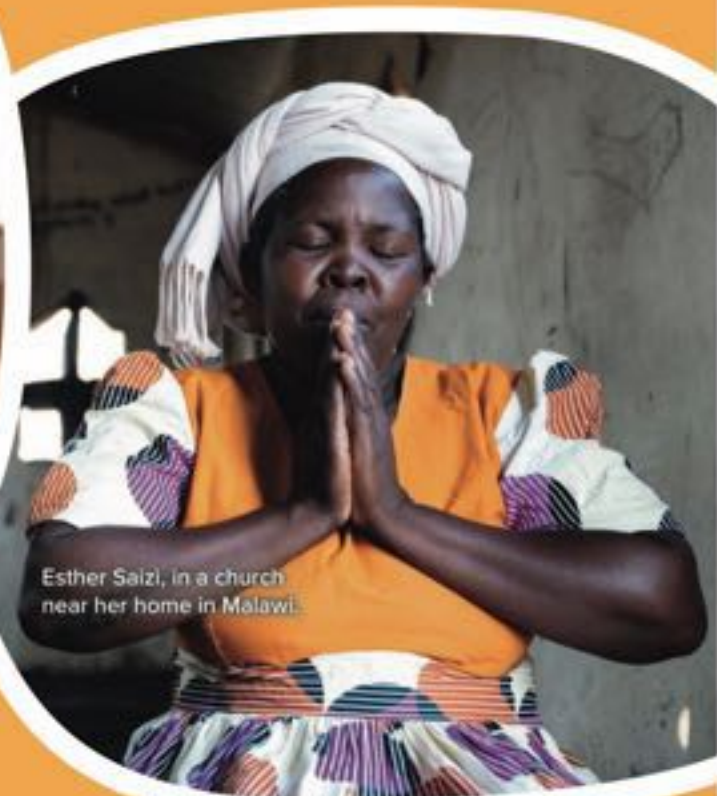
We pray that one day everyone would have access to daily bread and have all they need to thrive and flourish as you long for them all to do.

Help us to make wise choices with our food, to reduce waste and share with our neighbours, to offer hospitality when we can and build strong relationships with others.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.



Katie Mathers at
Greyfriars Kirk,
Edinburgh.



Esther Saizi, in a church
near her home in Malawi.

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The Church of Scotland

Remembrance

Remembrance Sunday 12th November

Acharacle

2pm - Wreath laying at Acharacle Church War Memorial Gate, led by Ella Gill

Kilchoan

10.50am - Wreath laying at the Kilchoan Memorial, following by Worship at the Church, led by Ella Gill

Lochaline

10.50am - Wreath laying at the Memorial, led by elders

Drimnin

3pm - Wreath laying at the Memorial, led by Rev Donald McCorkindale

Strontian

10.50 - Wreath laying at the Memorial, led by Rev Donald McCorkindale

12noon - Worship at the Church

Ardgour

10am - Worship at the Church, led by Jade Maclean

10.55am - Wreath laying at the War Memorial, led by Jade Maclean

Thursday 16th November

Treslaig Hall

7.30pm - Coffee, Conversation, Informal Worship and Remembrance

We will remember them...



Church of Scotland

Ardgour, Morvern and Strontian Parish Church



Coffee, Conversation & Informal Worship at Treslaig Village Hall

Thursdays

7.30pm 26th Oct (Harvest Supper)

7.30pm 16th Nov - including Act of Remembrance

7.30pm 21st Dec - Carols, Mince Pies and Punch

All Welcome



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CHURCHES CAN JOIN
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WEDNESDAY
EVENING PRAYER
10PM EVERY WEEK



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Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the relevant boxes below:

- ☐ I want to Gift Aid all donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:
- ☐ Acharacle and Ardnamurchan Parish Church of Scotland - Scottish Charity SC002916
- ☐ Ardgour, Morvern and Strontian Parish Church of Scotland - Scottish Charity SC008222
- ☐ I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details

Title _____ First name or initial(s) _____ Surname _____

Full Home address: _____

Postcode: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Completed Gift Aid Declarations can be handed in at any of the churches, or forwarded to the minister or relevant treasurer.

Acharacle and Ardnamurchan:

Alison Adam: Sealasdair, Achosnich, Kilchoan PH36 4LN - treasurer.aa@peninsulachurches.org.uk

Ardgour, Morvern and Strontian:

Peter White: Ardcona Cottage, Ardgour, Fort William PH33 7AH - treasurer.ams@peninsulachurches.org.uk

Internet Banking Details

You can use the following details to make offerings and donations by one off bank transfer, or regular Standing Order.

Please include your Surname in the reference

Acharacle and Ardnamurchan: SORT CODE: 80-06-84 ACCOUNT: 00112468

Ardgour, Morvern and Strontian: SORT CODE: 80-06-84 ACCOUNT: 00112222

If able to GiftAid your contribution, please let the treasurer know of the reference you are using in order that payments can be identified for Gift Aid purposes.

If you wish to set up a Standing Order and do not use internet banking, please contact the congregational treasurer for a Standing Order form to forward to your bank.

www.peninsulachurches.org.uk/offerings - where this page can be download

Supporting the Peninsula congregations

As with all Church of Scotland congregations we rely on offerings and donations to cover the costs of mission, ministry, buildings upkeep and other running costs.



We are grateful for the regular and generous contributions, which can be made in a number of ways:

• **Cash or cheque in the offering plate at Sunday Worship services** and other occasions. (Cash Gifts of up to £30 can be included in the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme whereby the church can claim from HMRC the income tax amount whether or not you pay tax)

- **Cheque in the post to the congregational treasurer** - addresses are overleaf
- **One off Internet banking payment** - details overleaf
- **Regular Bank Standing Order**, which you may be able to set up via internet banking or can request from the treasurer a SO form which can be forwarded to your bank.

Overleaf is a GiftAid form which can be completed and enables the church to reclaim the income tax you pay on the amount of your gift at no expense to you. One simple form will cover all future contributions to the congregations.

The treasurers can be contacted by email at:

Peter White - treasurer.ams@peninsulachurches.org.uk

Alison Adam - treasurer.aa@peninsulachurches.org.uk

Our giving towards to ongoing life of the church is not only financial, and we thank all for the gifts of time and talent. If you would like to be more involved in the local church do be in touch with one of the ministry team. Maybe you have technical skills and could help with recording or streaming services, or graphic design skills which could be used to create graphics for the web and Facebook pages.... Maybe you have building experience and could be part of the property teams...

Thank you for your support of the Peninsula congregations.



ARDNAMURCHAN CHURCH



Following the closure in 2018 of the former Ardnamurchan Church, and a period of gathering for worship at the Kilchoan Community Centre, it has been a delight to see the completion of the new Ardnamurchan Church. The formal opening was on Wednesday 13th September when the Moderator, Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton shared in the service.

Her words included:

"Remember what the purpose of this building is – a central point for love to breathe, for people to learn, to be safe and offer safety and welcome,"

And you will be a blessing – you will serve your God-given, love-inspired purpose.

Blessed will be your worship and your music, blessed will be your clubs and meetings, blessed will be your outreach and service in the community you are part of, blessed will be your lives, an embodiment of Christ.

Open wide the doors of your building and the doors of your hearts.

The Church of Scotland

Peninsula Churches

Parishes of Acharacle & Ardnamurchan linked with Ardgour, Morvern & Strontian
Online, in Church, and sometimes hybrid

Video Worship - Every Sunday by 10am -

www.YouTube.com/@peninsulachurches

Wednesday Evening Prayers - 10pm - live on FaceBook & YouTube

10am Ardgour Church - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays

11am Acharacle Church - 1st & 3rd Sundays

11am Ardnamurchan Church 2nd & 4th Sundays

12noon Kiel Church, Morvern - 1st & 3rd Sundays

12noon Strontian - 2nd and 4th Sundays

2pm - Kingairloch Church - 2nd Sunday of the month

7.30pm - October 26 - Harvest Supper at Treslaig Hall

5th Sundays of the month Hybrid Service

29 Oct & 31 Dec

Check web for details



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**WEDNESDAY
TEA AND SCONES
AT ARDNAMURCHAN
CHURCH
CHECK THE NOTICE
BOARD
FOR DATES AND
TIMES**

STRONTIAN CHURCH



Progress continues towards the plan that Sunart Community Company will take over ownership of Strontian Church and develop it as a heritage centre retaining part of the building for Church use for services including baptisms, weddings and funerals. At the time of writing the valuation of the building is being negotiated between the Sunart Community Company and the Church of Scotland General Trustees. Locally all see this as a win-win scenario for the community and church. Ongoing maintenance is required and contributions towards this will be gratefully received. On page ## are details of how donations can be made.



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A festive blue background with Christmas decorations. In the top left, there are pine branches and a red and white striped candy cane. In the bottom left, a family of four (two adults and two children) are dressed in winter clothes. In the bottom center, there are several large, decorated Christmas baubles. In the bottom right, Santa Claus is waving. A large yellow star is in the top right corner.

You are invited to...

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

LOCHALINE – TO BE ARRANGED
THE ARDGOUR INN – 16TH DEC
THE ARIUNDLE CENTRE – 23RD DEC
CAROLS, FUN, FOOD, BACONS ROLLS ETC

Contact Donald, or see
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