

# Church Matters

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Summer at Seamill

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# Minister's Letter

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another —and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

*(Hebrews 10: 24-25)*

I'm sure that most of us will have been in the situation in a cafe or a restaurant where we have been out for lunch or dinner. Perhaps as we have been waiting for our starter to appear or drinks to come, we have looked around us and it has come to our attention that at other tables that there are people who are sitting in near silence - but who are glued to their mobile phone!

Now of course, this is a relatively recent phenomena - but it doesn't just affect the young. Increasingly, there are those in their middle age and beyond who have their phone in hand - which of course means that they are not speaking to one another!

One of the wonderful things about being part of the church is that it is family. It is the family of God. And the wonderful thing about family is having celebrations together. Family are the people who you know best and who know you best. And many a memorable time is to be had at celebrations with family - birthdays, anniversaries and more.

Of course, each week, the church family comes together to worship and to celebrate. We celebrate on the Lord's Day - Sunday - the day Jesus rose from the dead. And it is important that we do so. You see, in a world where socialising has become less face-to-face and more 'social media', one of the amazing thing that the church has to offer is personal interaction, authentic relationships and personal contact.

Now of course, church isn't just about a Sunday morning. It is about Christians together living out their lives to the glory of God.

And so I would encourage you, whether you come on a Sunday Morning or Sunday Evening. Whether you come to Messy Church or Cafe Church or Headrigg Gardens or are part of a House Group.

Let's not give up meeting together - but let's continue to do so that we might be encouraged and be an encouragement to others.

Yours in Christ,

James

# Church Register

*The following people have passed away recently. Please remember their families in your prayers:*

**John Miller**, Barr Crescent, Largs, died 31st March 2018.

**Samuel Brown**, Kilruskin Drive, died 1st April 2018.

**Margaret Harrison**, latterly Auchinlea Care Home, Largs, died 1st April 2018.

**Mary Lapsley**, Coldstream, died 2nd April 2018.

**Jerry McKinnie**, Hunterston Road, died 3rd April 2018.

**Margaret Gray**, Drummilling Avenue, died 8th April 2018.

**Jimmy Withers**, Alton Way, died 8th April 2018.

**Linda Beattie**, Richie Street, died 14th April 2018.

**Ian Rose**, Stairlie Crescent, died 16th April 2018.

**Natalie Cormack**, Sharlee Wynd, died 27th April 2018.

# EDITORIAL

It doesn't seem like over a year since I visited Malala Presbytery to sign a Twinning Agreement with three others from our Presbytery. We are delighted that four of our friends from Malawi were eventually granted visas to visit us from the 7th - 19th June. An itinerary for their visit to our Presbytery has been finalised. Read more inside!!

Please keep Mandy in your prayers as she has finished her time of ministry at Kirkgate Church in Saltcoats while their minister was off on long term sick leave. She also leaves her position as OLM with us here in WKPC. Mandy will be starting her Probationary period at Largs Clark Memorial Church on the 1st June in the furtherment of her training to become a full time minister. Pray also for Douglas as he also leaves us to go to Barlinnie Prison to work with the chaplain there for a few weeks then, after a two week holiday, he will be off to Geneva to work with the ministry there for another five or six weeks before beginning his Probationary period. Brian needs your prayers too, as he has his final assessment on the 17th June at Stevenston Livingstone and Ardeer Churches and, if all goes well, will be "Set Apart" as a Reader soon after that.

After the bumper edition of last month's Church Matters I thought we might have had some comments about the articles or new features, but not one was forthcoming! This month we have a new feature for you, which we have called "Yours Sincerely". This will be in the form of a letter from members of our church family, telling us a little of their lives and their faith journey. We asked our Church Officer, Willie Jack, if he would contribute the first one and he agreed. You can read more inside. Look out, you may be the next one to be asked!

Please do let us know what you think of the contents of your magazine. Feedback is very important to us, when no-one says anything we wonder if we are not getting it right.

Congratulation to our own Jacquie Wilson who has been named West Kilbride Citizen of the Year. Well done Jacquie - you deserve this accolade!

By the time you read this Brian and I will have been to Edinburgh as Commissioners at the General Assembly. I have attended the General Assembly twice before but it will be Brian's first time as a Commissioner. We will be reporting back on our return.

I pray you will all have a blessed summer, whether you holiday at home or away.

*Deirdre Murray*

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Belated birthday greetings to **Robin Davis** who was **50** on 6th April. I know that Robin had a lovely time celebrating his birthday with family.

We add our good wishes that he will be greatly blessed and have many more happy birthdays to come.

Happy birthday to **Joan Connor** who will reach the wonderful age of **90** years young on the 16th July. Those who know Joan will agree that she is, indeed, young at heart. We hope you have a wonderful day celebrating with friends and family Joan!

*If you, or someone you know, has a special birthday or anniversary coming up please tell us about it so that we can acknowledge it in the magazine.*

# Session Snippets

The Kirk Session met on 20/03/18. The meeting started with the opening devotions. We sang Hymn 457, "Make Way." The reading was Mark 11 verses 1-11, the "Triumphal Entry". Both items were appropriate for the run up to Holy Week. The open prayers gave thanks for Jesus' humility, the Easter Leaflet drop, and children.

The Minutes from the previous Session Meeting on 24/01/18 were signed off as being accurate. Comment was made that with reference to the Church Conference it had been suggested that for this and other church events that we should consider some kind of feedback as a method of audit.

We then as is our custom considered a piece of writing which is either spiritual or a comment on church life. On this occasion it was an article by the Rev Doug Gray entitled "Facing Our Challenges" which was published in Life and Work in September 2017. In this article the author argues that to stay relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century the Church of Scotland requires change. The article is a mix of pointing out arguable, but factual truths regarding the Church in today's Scotland, such as managing contraction in some areas whilst growing in others and how this can be done with less human and financial resources and invoking spiritual guidance through prayer, to unleash creativity, courage and imagination. The Session agreed that we should endeavour to pray further for the future wellbeing of our Church. The above illustrates how the Church Session needs to be aware of current strands of thinking in the Church as a whole in order for us as a local church body to play a full part in its future.

The Session then went on to consider the various team reports. The finance team under John Coy were able to present the yearly accounts and Trustees Report for 2017. These were accepted and signed off in preparation for their presentation at the Church Annual General Meeting. A paper copy of the accounts and Trustees Report is available from the church office. The fabric team have been charged with obtaining a feasibility study for stage two of the refurbishment programme with special reference to upgrading The Bill Penny Hall. Colin McDougal on behalf of the people and policy team again emphasized the need for mandatory attendance at training and awareness courses for those involved with children and vulnerable adults. It was agreed that anyone working on behalf of the Church or any affiliated bodies with the above groups will require to attend such courses within 12 months of appointment or their names will be removed from the list of those able to work with these groups until they have attended training courses.

A draft twinning agreement between West Kilbride Parish Church and Emazwini Parish Church in Malawi was minuted. Two ministers and two women (one from the guild, one from youth fellowship) will be travelling from Malala Presbytery to Ardrossan Presbytery in June. At the time of our meeting their programme was being formulated, but it will hopefully include a visit to West Kilbride.

Other items of business included that from September there will be an evening service on every Sunday including the first Sunday of the month. It was approved that we the Church should hold some event to recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the setting up of Tear Fund. It was also agreed that we should investigate what is necessary to be recognized as an “Eco Congregation” similar to that in

Fairley. It was also noted that a new probationer will be starting with us in September.

Finally at the end of this article it is with pleasure to announce that the Session approved a new member by resolution. This is the Reverend David Hebenton, an ordained minister for over 60years. The meeting ended with the saying of The Grace.

*(Richard de Courcy)*

## **A Poem**

Under the warmth  
of the summer sun  
the world awakes and blossoms  
into every imaginable colour.  
You created a garden for us to enjoy,  
and within it planted  
the most magical of flower and trees.  
You needed no horticultural training  
to plan your colour scheme,  
no gardening expert  
to recommend variety or design.  
Your garden is perfect,  
its colours harmonious,  
its scale immense,  
spoilt only by the clumsiness  
of those who tend it.

*John Birch/Faith&Worship.*

# CHURCH FLOWERS

Although it is quite a few weeks on from Easter I would like to thank all the ladies of the Flower Team for providing the colourful baskets of flowers and plants which decorated the sanctuary windowsills on Easter Sunday. A big thank you also to the ladies who distributed them all to members of the congregation.

At the funeral of John Miller the sanctuary looked beautiful as two hundred orchids had been delivered specially from the Far East. After worship the following Sunday, these special blooms, along with the flowers from the pedestal and the front door, were delivered to thirty members of the congregation who have been bereaved or who are ill or housebound. They were greatly appreciated. I am very grateful indeed to all those who volunteered to help with this task. As they say, many hands make light work.

I would like to express our appreciation for all donations to the Flower Fund. Just a little reminder: if you wish to have flowers placed in the sanctuary to mark a significant date could you please write your name on the space beside that date on the calendar which is on the noticeboard at the back of the sanctuary. It would be helpful if you could also let me know, either personally or by phoning me on 829114. Thank you for your help in making sure that the arranger knows your wishes.

Again, many thanks to all the ladies who arrange the flowers or deliver them week by week. I could not do without you!!

*Moira Mackinnon, Flower Convener.*

## Monthly Prayer Diary – June 2018

- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.” Ecc 3 v 1. We pray into how that verse speaks to us today.
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> We pray for safety and protection for all children, at home, at school, at play. We pray for much wisdom for parents, guardians and teachers.
- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> “These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” Deut 6 v 6 & 7 (NIV)
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> We pray for residents who live in Drummilling Ave and Drummilling Drive.
- Tue 5<sup>th</sup> We pray for James our Minister, Anna his wife and their sons John and Alasdair. Lord, please meet their every need.
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> The National Prayer Breakfast is held today in Edinburgh. Pray for wisdom and insight as prayers are made for our nation. (Scottish Bible Society)
- Thu 7<sup>th</sup> We pray for the delegation coming from Emazwini in Malawi to visit our Presbytery. We pray for all the preparations that have been made and pray for God’s blessing on every aspect of their time here.
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> June is a month of transition, with all P7 pupils visiting their new Secondary Schools. Please pray for those involved in easing this transition and for anxieties to be quelled. (Scripture Union)

- Sat 9<sup>th</sup> We pray for all who are grieving today. The Lord is with you, taking care of you, even when life hurts... especially when life hurts.
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> “Join me, everyone! Trust only in God every moment! Tell him all your troubles and pour out your heart longings to him. Believe me when I tell you – he will help you.” Ps 62 v 8 (The Passion Bible)
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> We pray for residents who live in Drummilling Road & Farland View.
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> We pray for safety, protection and fun for all our village children going on school trips, and all involved in school concerts and school shows.
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> We pray for all who suffer with long term pain or ill health, mental or physical, and for all who love and care for them.
- Thu 14<sup>th</sup> For all our local churches, we pray for where there is discouragement and for those facing change. We give thanks for where there is new life.
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> We pray for the ‘Celebration of Hope’ this weekend in Falkirk where Billy Graham’s grandson Will Graham will be the guest speaker.
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> We pray that the people of Scotland will have a desire to hear the Word of God and that a hunger for the Word will grow in their hearts and lives.
- Sun 17<sup>th</sup> “These things that were written in the Scriptures so long ago are to teach us patience and to encourage us so that we will look forward expectantly to the time when God will conquer sin and death.” (Living Bible)
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> We pray for residents who live in Farmfield Terrace & Faulds Wynd.

- Tue 19<sup>th</sup> As we remember 2018 as The Year of Young People we pray for family life and pray for all who struggle within their home for a variety of reasons.
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> We pray for Carol our Session Clerk, our Elders and all who work on our Teams, often behind the scenes. Pastoral Care, Finance, Catering, Fabric, Communications, People and Policy, Youth, Worship, Mission & Discipleship.
- Thu 21<sup>st</sup> We ask God to meet the needs of all who need food and shelter, in Ayrshire, for refugees and for those in war torn countries throughout the world.
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Café Church tonight in the Village Hall. We pray that many will accept the invitation to come along.
- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> We pray for all who work in our local businesses and farms, may they be blessed to be a blessing to this community.
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup> “Ah Lord God! Behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.” Jeremiah 32 v 17 (KJV)
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> We pray for residents who live in Fullerton Drive & Gateside Street.
- Tue 26<sup>th</sup> We pray for Christians living in North Korea, that God would comfort and strengthen his followers, especially those who suffer in prisons, labour camps and in remote areas. We pray for agencies who try to support our persecuted brothers and sisters.
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Lord, please set the captives free from sin and sickness, addiction, abuse, from poverty and despair, to become all that you intended them to be.

- Thu 28<sup>th</sup> We give thanks for all the staff and volunteers who shared God's love at the Glasgow Winter Night Shelter with some of the most broken and vulnerable men and women in Glasgow. (Glasgow City Mission)
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> School Holidays start today!!
- Sat 30<sup>th</sup> We pray for all who live in this place, men, women and children, those who know you and those who do not and we ask Lord that you will draw closer to each one of us. May hearts no longer be hardened against You.

## Monthly Prayer Diary – July 2018

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> We give thanks and pray for our Church Family. May we all grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, as described in Eph 3 v 14 – 19, and may we be carriers of that love into our community.
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> We pray for residents who live in Glenbride Road and for all who come to stay in the Youth With a Mission building.
- Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> We pray for James, Anna, John and Alasdair. May they have a time of rich refreshing during this holiday season.
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> We pray for SU Camps, Summer Clubs and Christian Festivals.
- Thu 5<sup>th</sup> SE Asia. Please pray for a team who work with victims of Human Trafficking. Please pray for the 50 women they were able to make contact with during a 2 day outreach on Valentine's Day. (Asialink)
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> We do again pray for our young people. We pray that they will use social media to promote good causes and

invite their peers to partake in things that help, befriend, include and value people. (Missional Generation)

- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> We pray for safety and protection and times of refreshing for all who are able to go on holiday, and for those who are not able, Lord, please bring a sense of refreshing right here where they are.
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> May the people of this nation honour the Name of God. We pray that the Name of the Lord our God will be respected, honoured and glorified.
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> We pray for the residents who live in Glenside Crescent & Glenside Grove.
- Tue 10<sup>th</sup> We give thanks for Rendezvous, for good times of fellowship, and for all who serve there and the drivers who make it possible for folk to attend.
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> We pray for all whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters. We give thanks for all who work with Rescue Services and Aid Agencies.
- Thu 12<sup>th</sup> One in seven people around the world still go to bed hungry every night. Ask God to continue raising up churches who are empowered and equipped to lead their communities out of hunger. (Tearfund)
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> We pray for World Leaders. May they be supported by godly people who will encourage them to do good and not evil, and who will pray for them.
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> We pray for our GP Surgery, local hospitals, Care Homes and Hospices.
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> We pray for all who work with our young people week by week, and with Messy Church & during holiday times. We give grateful thanks for them all.

- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> We pray for the residents who live in Glen View and Goldenberry Avenue.
- Tue 17<sup>th</sup> (CARE) Pray for young people aged 16 to 24 who are not in education, employment or training. Ask God to grant success to the many individuals and schemes offering hope and practical support to help change their lives.
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May we be faithful to pray for Christians who are persecuted because of their faith. " Prayers are those glimmers of light in the darkness" says a Syrian Christian lady when she hears that people are praying for them.
- Thu 19<sup>th</sup> May we keep in our prayers our elderly neighbours and those we know who are too frail to go out alone. Keep us alert to show Christ's love.
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> We pray for all who we know who are unwell, waiting for test results, having treatment, and for those who love and care for them.
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> We pray for opportunities to meet with our neighbours during the long summer days. We pray to be good ambassadors Lord for you.
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> We remember refugees who have settled in Scotland and especially in Ayrshire. We give thanks that no-one is far from Your loving care. Help us to be moved with compassion and stirred into action in Jesus Name.
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> We pray for the residents living in Halfway Street and Happyhills.
- Tue 24<sup>th</sup> 'REFUEL 18' Christian Festival is taking place this week in Morayshire. We pray for great times of refreshing for all who will attend.

- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Please pray for all who use the Perth Prison Visitors Support and Advice Centre. Families often say they are serving a sentence too. Some have been coming for years and for some this is a new experience. (Crossreach). We pray for our local Prison Services also.
- Thu 26<sup>th</sup> We pray for our MPs, MSPs and all who are in authority over us. May they serve with godly wisdom and integrity.
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> We pray for all who are coping with loss and for all the life changes it brings. Lord, You have promised to comfort the broken hearted.
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup> “He makes grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate – bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make faces shine, and bread that sustains their hearts.” Ps 104 v 14,15
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Lord, please help us to forgive others, to not hold on to resentments or the pain we feel when others have hurt us. Help us to give it all to You.
- Mon 30<sup>th</sup> We pray for the residents who live in Hauplands Way and for those who live in Headrigg Gardens.
- Tue 31<sup>st</sup> For all who are lost without You. May their eyes be opened to see that there is a God in heaven who loves them and longs to be their Father .

# VISITORS FROM MALAWI

We are delighted that the four visitors from Malala Presbytery to our Presbytery have, at last, been granted visitor visas to come to our Presbytery from 7th - 19th June. Much prayer went into this as they were refused visas by the British government when they initially applied for them. Help was sought from our MP, Patricia Gibson, and the Scotland/Malawi partnership and, thankfully, this was resolved.

The group consists of two Ministers, Rev William Mumba and Rev James Mphande, and two women, Mrs Annie Mkandawire , representing the Women's Guild, and Miss Lincy Kamwela, representing the Christian Youth Fellowship.

We have a very full programme for their visit, including visits to most of the churches in the Presbytery, Blantyre, Glasgow and Edinburgh, where they will visit the Church of Scotland Offices at 121 George Street and the Scottish Parliament. James will be staying with Brian and me and he and Annie will worship with us at WKPC on the 17th June. Our church is organising a Ceilidh in the Village Hall for Saturday 16th June at 7pm for our visitors. We do hope that many of you will come to this, children welcome. It really needs a good turnout to be successful and it will also give you the opportunity to meet our four visitors. The tickets will be £5.00 each, to cover all expenses. Any money left will be donated to Malawi. Please keep this visit in your prayers, that all will go to plan and that our visitors will be truly blessed by their time with us, as we will be blessed by them being here.

*Deirdre Murray*

# Yours Sincerely...

I was born 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1936 at Biglies Farm, on the outskirts of West Kilbride. I was one of a family of four with an older brother, John, a sister, Margaret, and a twin sister, Elizabeth, although to this day she claims to be older than me, arriving first.

My parents were regular church goers and I was baptised in Overton Church and came through Sunday School, B.B. Bible Class, and I joined the church in my teens when the Minister at that time was Wales Cameron. The Boy's Brigade was an important part of my teenage years, culminating in achieving my Queens Badge at a service in Overton church, the first Queen's Badge in West Kilbride BB's following the coronation of Queen Elizabeth on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1953.

I married Janey, the daughter of Alex and Jenny Wilson of Boydston Farm in Ardrossan. We were married in St Cuthbert's Church Saltcoats on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1959, with my own Minister, Rev Burnside, assisting.

The following year, my mother died of cancer at the relatively young age of 52. I have sometimes been asked if I had come to faith gradually, and I certainly had, but at this sad time in my life my father, who drove into the village each day and brought home The Glasgow Herald (as it was known then) and in the family announcements on the back page were details of my mother's funeral. Right beside it was the daily Scripture text, (which still appears to this day). It was Proverbs Chapter 3 v 5 – 6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." This text has been handed down to the Jack families over the years and I can remember clearly to this day, the feeling that I had at the time, I was not alone and my Mother was not alone.

The following year 1961, the first of our family of four was born, Alison, called after her grandmother, followed by Janet, Sandra and Billy.

Rev William Burnside had taken over as Minister of Overton Church by this time, after Wales Cameron's long ministry, and when I was in my mid – twenties he asked me to consider being an Elder. I agreed and never regretted it, during Rev Burnside's long ministry of over twenty years, and then Norman Cruickshank's equally long ministry from April 1983.

On Norman's retirement in 2007, our present minister James McNay was inducted on 17 January 2008. Shortly afterwards the powers that be in Ardrossan Presbytery decreed that the union of the two churches in West Kilbride, Overton and St Andrews would take place. The upshot of that and the consensus of the two churches was that if we in Overton agreed to their building being used, they would accept our minister to the union of Overton and St Andrews. I had been the Church Officer at Overton during this spell and I would continue in the new West Kilbride Parish Church.

This was a difficult time for Overton church members, losing Overton. But with the refurbishment that followed in 2009 – 2010 and the Overton windows being installed (of which the Jack window, an ancestor of mine, was one) we all feel as one that we've got a lovely church, an excellent minister in James, and we can look forward with confidence to the future.

As for me, I have been really blessed with a wonderful wife, a family of four and ten grandchildren we are very proud of, and a Faith that is Sure and Steadfast.

Yours sincerely

*William Jack*

## Diary Dates for June 2018

<b>3 June 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Morning Service and Junior Church &amp; XLR8</b>
3 June 2:00 PM	Afternoon Service Headrigg Gardens
4 June 2:00 PM	Bereavement Meeting - Lower Hall
5 June 9:00 AM	Women Who Pray – Prayer Room
5 June 10:00 AM	Rendezvous – Lower Hall
6 June 7:00 PM	'Wednesday Fellowship' – Prayer Room
9 June 9:30 AM	Safeguarding Volunteer Training
<b>10 June 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Morning Service and Junior Church &amp; XLR8</b>
10 June 7:30 PM	Evening Service
12 June 9:00 AM	Women Who Pray – Prayer Room
12 June 10:00 AM	Rendezvous – Lower Hall
13 June 1:30 PM	Community Chords - Lower Hall
13 June 7:00 PM	'Wednesday Fellowship' – Prayer Room
16 June 7:00 PM	Celebration Ceilidh - West Kilbride Village Hall
<b>17 June 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Morning Service and Junior Church &amp; XLR8</b>
17 June 12:00 Noon	Church Choir Practice
17 June 7:30 PM	Evening Service
19 June 9:00 AM	Women Who Pray – Prayer Room
19 June 10:00 AM	Rendezvous – Lower Hall
20 June 7:00 PM	'Wednesday Fellowship' – Prayer Room
22 June 7:30 PM	Cafe Church – West Kilbride Village Hall
<b>24 June 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Family Service and Junior Church Prize giving</b>
24 June 7:30 PM	Evening Service
26 June 9:00 AM	Women Who Pray – Prayer Room
26 June 10:00 AM	Rendezvous – Lower Hall
27 June 7:00 PM	'Wednesday Fellowship' – Prayer Room

## Diary Dates for July 2018

<b>1 July 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Morning Service and Holiday Junior Church</b>
1 July 2:00 PM	Afternoon Service Headrigg Gardens
2 July 2:00 PM	Bereavement Meeting - Lower Hall
3 July 9:00 AM	Women Who Pray – Prayer Room
3 July 10:00 AM	Rendezvous – Lower Hall
4 July 7:00 PM	'Wednesday Fellowship' – Prayer Room
<b>8 July 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Morning Service and Holiday Junior Church</b>
10 July 9:00 AM	Women Who Pray – Prayer Room
10 July 10:00 AM	Rendezvous – Lower Hall
11 July 7:00 PM	'Wednesday Fellowship' – Prayer Room
<b>15 July 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Morning Service and Holiday Junior Church</b>
15 July 12:00 Noon	Church Choir Practice
17 July 9:00 AM	Women Who Pray – Prayer Room
17 July 10:00 AM	Rendezvous – Lower Hall
18 July 7:00 PM	'Wednesday Fellowship' – Prayer Room
<b>22 July 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Morning Service and Holiday Junior Church</b>
24 July 9:00 AM	Women Who Pray – Prayer Room
24 July 10:00 AM	Rendezvous – Lower Hall
25 July 7:00 PM	'Wednesday Fellowship' – Prayer Room
<b>29 July 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Morning Service and Holiday Junior Church</b>

### House Groups

Currently two house groups usually meet fortnightly on Wednesday evenings. For dates and times of meetings, please speak to either Helen Ferguson or Margaret Morrow.

## TIME

If you had a bank that credited your account each morning with £86,000, that carried over no balance from day to day, allowed you to keep no cash in your account, and every evening cancelled whatever part of the amount you failed to use during the day, what would you do? Draw out every pound every day, of course, and use it to your advantage!

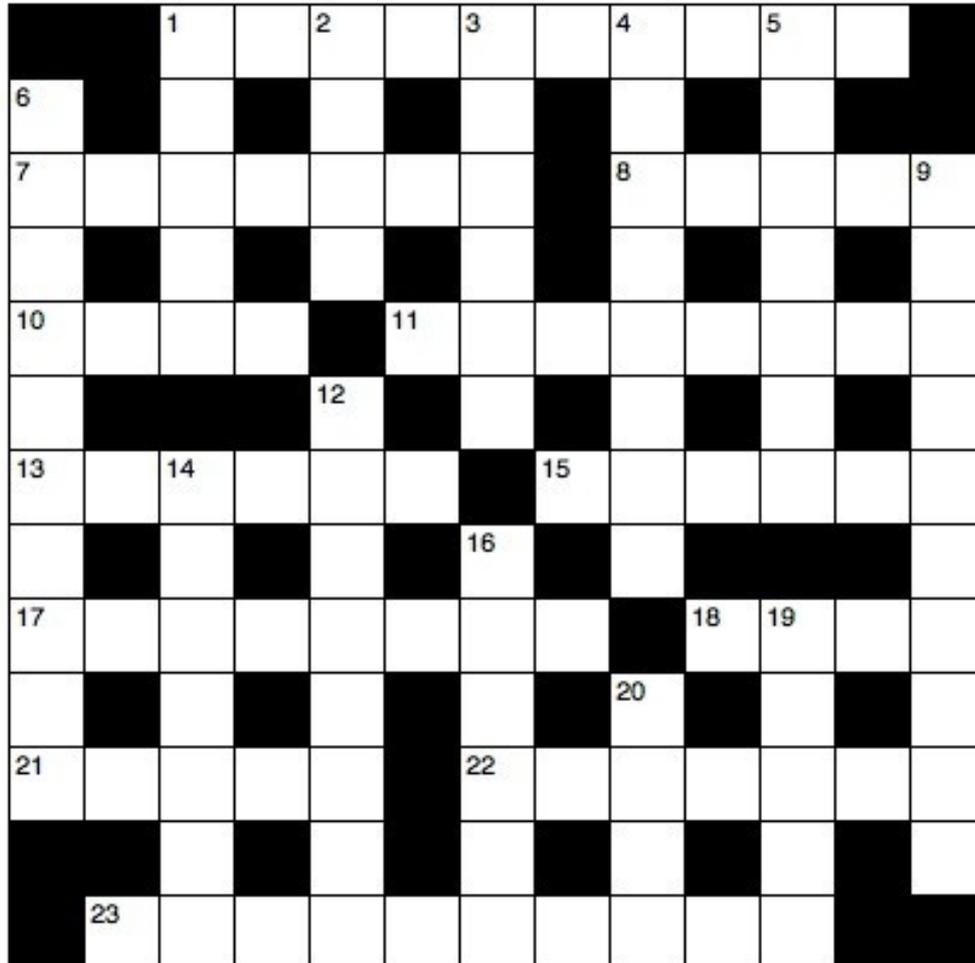
Well, you have such a bank, and its name is TIME! Every morning it credits you with 86,000 seconds. Every night it rules off as lost whatever of this you failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balances, it allows no overdrafts. Each day it opens a new account with you. If you fail to use the day's deposit, the loss is yours. There's no going back, there is no drawing against tomorrow. Are you spending your time wisely and fruitfully?

## CROSSWORD ANSWER

**ACROSS:** 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

**DOWN:** 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give.

# CROSSWORD GRID & CLUES



## Crossword Clues

### Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)

- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer:  
 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2Corinthians4:8)(4)
- 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp  
 against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he  
 searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to  
 be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
- 21 'As for man, his days are like—,he flourishes like a flower  
 of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
- 23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans13:4)(10)

## Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son'  
 (John 3:16) (5)
- 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where  
 they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with  
 her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in  
 jail(Acts22:19)(8)

14 Aceturn (anag.)(7)

16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)

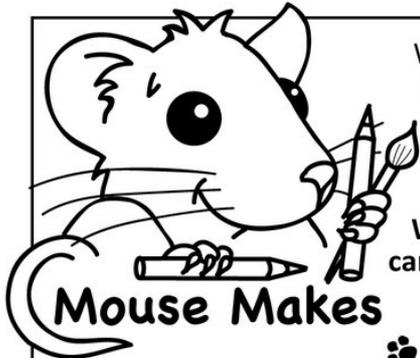
19 'All these—come from inside and make a man “unclean”'  
(Mark 7:23) (5)

20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him  
glory!'(Revelation19:7)(4)

## A SCHOOL PRAYER

When I was at a former pupils' lunch recently we said the school prayer that I remember saying at all school assemblies many moons ago! The more I think about it the more I realise it is a prayer appropriate for all of us, not just children.

*“Almighty Father, before Whom all of us are children,  
Grant us Thy blessing on all that we shall do this day;  
Help us to give of our best on work and in play;  
Strengthen us, in discouragement, to fresh effort,  
Save us, in success, from false pride.  
Help us to think of others more than we think of ourselves,  
To check the unkindly word or thought; to be clean, loyal and true.  
May we realise early that, by Thy guidance, we can make our lives lovely  
And find true happiness in doing Thy will.  
Amen.”*



Which animal did Noah let out of the ark first?

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Genesis 8:7

What plague of animals came out of the River Nile?

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Exodus 8:6

What insects did John eat in the wilderness?

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Matthew 3:4

Which animal can we learn from ?

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Proverbs 6:6

Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?

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Luke 3:22

Which animal did Jesus ride on?

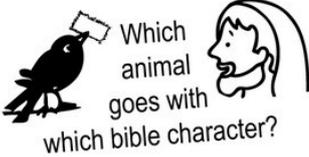
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Matthew 21:7

DID YOU KNOW?



Four of the miracles Jesus performed were to do with fish.

1. Feeding of the 5000  
Matthew 14:15-21
2. The coin in the fish's mouth  
Matthew 17:24-27
3. When Jesus called His first disciples  
Luke 5:4-11
4. At the Sea of Galilee after Jesus' resurrection  
John 21:4-11



Which animal goes with which bible character?

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| LAMB     | HOLY SPIRIT |
| LIONS    | BALAAM      |
| LOCUSTS  | JESUS       |
| DOVE     | JONAH       |
| RAVENS   | PAUL        |
| BIG FISH | SOLOMON     |
| DONKEY   | DANIEL      |
| BEES     | ELIJAH      |
| SNAKE    | JOHN        |
| PEACOCK  | SAMSON      |

DID YOU KNOW?

There are four animals that are small but the Bible says are extremely wise... the **ANT**, the **HYRAX**, the **LOCUST** and the **LIZARD**.



Look up **Proverbs 30:24-28** to find out why.

D O G C A M E L A M B G A  
P L I Z A R D O V E Q N N  
F Q P E A C O C K G O A T  
I U R A V E N U S X D T F  
S A B U L L K S H E E P R  
H I S N A K E T E O E I O  
L I O N H Y R A X R G G

Find the animals in the word search

- SHEEP • GOAT • LION • LAMB  
DONKEY • RAVEN  
SNAKE • DOVE  
LOCUST • QUAIL • HYRAX  
CAMEL • DEER • FISH • FROG  
GNAT • PEACOCK  
ANT • OX • LIZARD  
DOG • PIG • BULL

