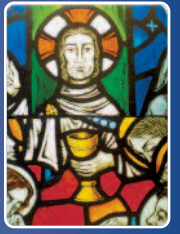




OCTOBER 2018
 CHURCH of SCOTLAND LOCAL PARISH NEWSLETTER
KILMORE & OBAN
Belonging, Believing, Blessing



WHAT'S ON

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



The famous nineteenth century preacher Charles Spurgeon had the habit of saying to himself several times, as he approached the pulpit to preach, 'I believe in the Holy Spirit.' By saying this he was drawing himself out of the situation and asking God to bless and communicate through what was about to happen. How wise, for no one goes into church to hear the musing of the minister, rather they want to hear the Word of God.

Preaching should not be about the collusion of minister and congregation in the reinforcement of cosy assumptions. Rather, the Word of God, comes to us fresh and clear. If the preacher gives little attention to the text, then not a lot may happen. If the congregational members neither read nor listen to the passage, and then disengage from the sermon, how can they be lifted or challenged?

We in Kilmore and Oban have been blessed in the new NRSV Bibles in our pews, and many people have purchased their own copies. We are hearing the word read in new phrases, without the now jarring non-inclusive language. A rota of readers gives us a variety of accents and speech patterns to alert us to the text. Both ministers seek to be faithful in our preaching to the text, and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Living Christ.

May we be excited as God's word comes to us each Sunday, and acknowledge how privileged we are to be free to listen, and then act, as disciples.

Rev Dugald Cameron

The Ministers and Elders of Kilmore and Oban invite you to join with them in the celebration of the

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 7th October, 2018

**at the Parish Church at 10.30am
and/or at Kilmore Kirk at 12 noon**

All are welcome

A shorter less formal service is held on
Wednesday 10th October
in the Parish Church at 3.00pm

There will also be a service held on
Monday 8th October
in Dunmar Court at 2.00pm

A short preparatory service for Communion is held on the preceding Friday evening in the Church at 7.00pm and all are very welcome to attend.

This is particularly helpful for Elders on duty on the Sunday.



**SHARING FAITH
 INVITATION SUNDAY**
Sunday 14th October

Following on from our first Weekend of Invitation in June this year, we encourage you to invite someone to come along to church with you on 14th October for our second such weekend. If you are reading this Newsletter and haven't attended church for a while, then please accept this invitation to join us!

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PRESBYTERY PRAYER ROTA

In the month ahead, please pray for the following:

7th October

Congregations of: Jura; Appin

Wider Community: Local Schools & Colleges

14th October

Congregations of: Kilarrow (Bowmore); Ardchattan

Across Presbytery: Readers

21st October

Congregations of: Kilcalmonell (Clachan); Colonsay & Oronsay

28th October

Congregations of: North and West Islay; Connel

Wider Community: Other Denominations

Please also pray for:

- Christian Aid 2018 Harvest Appeal
www.christianaid.org.uk/harvest-appeal
- Homelessness Sunday - 7th October
www.housingjustice.org.uk/Event/homeless-sunday-2018
- World Homelessness Day – 10th October
www.worldhomelessday.org
- H2O – as they seek a new Lead Youth Worker
www.hope2oban.org.uk

KIRSTEN AND DUGALD

We were moved, surprised and delighted in receiving the gifts from the congregation to mark our wedding. The generosity of the people of Kilmore and Oban towards us will never be forgotten. As the minister I am truly blessed to now be serving here in my twelfth year, for I love the town and people. And Kirsten has been welcomed with open arms and warm hearts. After our wedding in Kirsten's home congregation Moncrieff Church, East Kilbride, we will enjoy a honeymoon on Colonsay. Then we will be back to enjoy married life within our community of faith and town.

DUGALD AND KIRSTEN MANY CONGRATULATIONS!



During worship on 9th September, we were delighted to present Dugald and Kirsten with a wedding gift from all of us.

The wedding ceremony took place in Moncrieff Parish Church, East Kilbride, on 22nd September and, as you can see from the photos, it was a wonderful day!

As a whole Church Family, we wish Kirsten and Dugald every happiness and God's blessing in the years ahead.



OBAN TIMES THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You may have noticed the wide ecumenical and geographical spread of contributors to The Oban Times Thought for the Week. Rev Dugald took over managing the rota of contributors and expanded this across the circulation area. Contributions are required twice a year, though Rev Dugald has to fill in with the occasional extra Thought – not an easy task!

CHRISTIAN AID: CLIMATE CHANGE

Christian Aid is pressing the Scottish Government to firm up its commitment to tackling climate change by strengthening its recently published Bill. If you are interested in supporting Christian Aid in this please check their website at www.caid.org.uk/scottish/climate

FAMILY FAITHSHARE

In the year ahead, we are going to follow the theme of 'People Jesus Met'.

We meet in the Church Centre on the last Sunday of the month, starting with breakfast at 10am (no charge). Then we move on to a time of family-friendly, all-age worship. Everyone is welcome to join us – there is something for all ages.



REV DR RODERICK MACLEOD MBE MA BD PHD(EDIN) PHD(OPEN)



Roddy receiving his Sàr Ghàidheal honour from Professor Boyd Robertson

After 30 years of leading our Gaelic Service in Oban Dr Roddy has decided to retire. It is difficult to put into words the appreciation and gratitude people have for Dr Roddy's preaching and pastoral care. Few people draw so much respect and admiration. As token of appreciation people will have the opportunity to contribute to a retirement gift. Donations towards this

can be left at the Church Centre office from now until 12th November. On Sunday 25th November at 3.00pm in the Parish Church, with Dr Roddy in attendance we will celebrate Communion led by The Very Rev Angus Morrison. We shall then retire to the Church Centre for a celebration and presentation. More info – Rev Dugald.

GAELIC WORSHIP

A meeting last month of those who attend or who have an interest in Gaelic worship resolved to maintain and develop this within Kilmore and Oban. Throughout October we will develop our plans and aim to launch regular monthly worship again in

February 2019. It is planned to have a blend of invited guest preachers and worship led by ourselves. We also aim to use Kilmore Kirk on two or three occasions each year. More info to follow.



LUXEMBOURG

It is one of the joys of Kilmore and Oban to have folk from all over the world join us to worship on Sunday mornings. And just recently we received a postcard from a mother and daughter from Luxembourg who had worshipped with us in July. They remarked upon the warm welcome they received in the Parish Church.



HARVEST

Our annual harvest service in both Oban and Kilmore will be on **Sunday 7th October**. A Retiral Offering will be taken for the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal. Thanks to the European Union every £1 we give will be worth £5. This year a particular focus will be upon empowering of women in Ethiopia.

THE GUILD



**Welcomes Men &
Women of all ages**

We bid farewell to the summer tourists, welcome the autumn months and look forward to the new session of The Guild. As always after an extended break, there are changes. It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Mrs Alexandrina McDonald, who had been an active member of The Guild for 72 years, firstly in Ardchattan, as the new wife of the Parish Minister, and then St Columba's Argyll Square before the amalgamation of the Guilds in 1984. Alexandrina was still and active member last session. We will miss her knowledge and presence at our meetings.

Rev Chris will lead our first meeting this session when she will be discussing the Guild Projects for this year, which embrace or National theme. "ONE JOURNEY MANY ROADS". We look forward to an interesting and informative meeting, reuniting with our members and catching up with their news

We also extend a very warm welcome to others to join us in what is a very relaxed afternoon of fellowship and friendship, united in our faith and love of the church.

On a personal note may I take this opportunity to thank Guild Members for their loyalty, kindness and support following my recent surgery. It was very much appreciated!

Our first meeting is at 2.00pm on Wednesday 10th October in the Undercroft of the Church Centre. New members are very welcome.

KILMORE KIRK

At long last the Kirk can now boast a kitchen. Thanks to DIY le Donnie of BBC Alba, Maxwell Plant Hire, Howdens and Fiona MacPhee who all rallied round the project is almost complete. We just need water! And that will come at we work out some final issue with Scottish Water. So why not come along to Kilmore on the first Sunday in October to see the new kitchen. Our service that day will celebrate Communion and Harvest.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT KILMORE & OBAN

Friday 5th October

19.00 PC Preparatory Service

Sunday 7th October

10.30 PC Morning Worship with
Communion (Harvest)
12.00 K Kilmore Worship with
Communion (Harvest)

Sunday 14th October (*Remember Lord's Larder*)

10.30 PC Morning Worship (Sharing Faith)

Sunday 21st October

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Sunday 28th October

10.00 CC Family Faithshare
10.30 PC Morning Worship

KEY: CC – Church Centre
K – Kilmore Kirk
PC – Oban Parish Church

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

Baptisms *...And a child shall lead them*

Finlay McInnes, son of Craig and Lea-Anne McInnes.

Funerals *...Nothing can separate us from the Love of God*

Duncan MacDougall of Dalintart Drive, Oban

Duncan MacMillan of Gallanach Road, Oban

Agnes MacDonald of Woodburn Avenue, Falkirk

Christina MacDonald of Barbreck, Lochgilhead

Catherine MacLeod of Lynn of Lorn, formerly
Albany Street, Oban

Jim Bradford of Kerrera Terrace, Oban

William Forbes of Dunmar Court, Oban



SHARING FAITH PROFILE RACHAEL TURNBULL



How did you find your way into the congregation of Kilmore and Oban?

I live nearby and just wanted to see if it was for me. I was raised in faith and always kept my faith, but hadn't found the right place to practice. The welcoming ethos and the people I met and friends I have made kept me coming back.

Why is your faith important to you?

I find it to be a source of comfort and guidance. I can't really explain it well, I need it.

What excites you about being part of the Church?

The church has such a warm welcoming feel to it, I like being part of that. I like helping where I can with Family Faithshare.

Do you have a favourite piece of music and/or hymn, reading?

Usually when I'm looking at the hymns before the service I see ones and think 'ooh I like that one'. I like the upbeat ones.

Tell us about your working life.

I'm the manager of a nursery and have been there for about 14 years. I was depute for 5 years and I've been manager for 4 years. I love my job and feel very lucky to have the role I do and to be able to help and support our families wherever we can.

How do you relax?

I can't believe I'm writing this, but I go to the gym 3 times a week, do park run on a Saturday and trail walk at the weekend too. All just in the last year, as I had a very sedentary lifestyle before, but it was time to make a change.

What is your favourite food, place, book, movie?

The Harry Potter series for movies and books. Blackpool is my favourite place and we go there 3 or 4 times a year- every year. My favourite food? I like cake!

Is there someone who has been a real inspiration in faith, and if so, why?

My mum and my aunt - strong faith and strong ladies.

What are your hopes for the future of the Church?

That more people are open to the possibility of faith, that we no longer have to defend why we have faith and that people just accept it's because we do, and we don't need to explain why.

EDITORIAL: Ken MacColl

Our next edition will be available on Sunday 28th October 2018.

Copy and photographs should be at the Church Office or sent direct to the editor at kenmaccoll@btinternet.com by Monday 22nd October.

Photographs and short news items are always welcome.

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