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Dear All,



I wonder if you have ever planned something then, for some unknown reason within you, you change your mind and cancel your plans, choosing to do something different instead? Only to find out that, should your plans have gone ahead, you would have been in the wrong place at the wrong time. This happened to me and Lesley when we were planning to

go off on holiday around the north of Scotland, for the October school break. Having changed our plans, we decided to just spend the week at our home in Largs.

As Callum, our younger son, was back at university we decided to take my mum up to visit and go out for tea. So, Lesley, Lauder (our older son), mum and I got into the car and drove to Glasgow. As we approached the Kinston Bridge, on a wet Sunday night, the car battery warning-light came on. Not being in a practical place to stop on the motorway, I continued to drive. We managed to get to Callum's flat; park up; and then my car died! Nothing for it but to call out the recovery service on my mobile phone. This I did while everyone went into the local restaurant for dinner.

Within an hour my car was on the back of a rescue vehicle. I cant imagine what would have happened if we were in some remote place in the north of Scotland; or how long it would have taken for a recovery vehicle to come and help us. Having finished our dinner, we got a taxi back to Largs. I was

then able to take Lesley's car and safely deposit mum in her own house. Everything was fine. Nothing too traumatic!

The next day, however, I received a call from one of my sisters (I have four). Mum isn't answering her phone. We're all worried! Could I go the house and check on her? Using Lesley's car, I did. All was well. For some reason mum's phone was on silent! Everything was well once more. I'm glad we were not in the north of Scotland!

The following day, having enjoyed a nice walk around Cumbrae, I received another call from a different sister. Mum had fallen and broken her hip! With my car still in a local garage for repair I was fortunate enough to take Lesley's car again and go to the hospital. Once more, I can't imagine how I would have been able to do this if our original plans had taken place!

There are just some times in life when you know that you are not in control of what is happening. As in many other situations in my life, I definitely believe that God's hand was upon us guiding us to the place where we would be of greatest service. In this case it was with my family; at other times it has been for other people. I find that, when you place your trust in God, through Jesus, and let God's hand guide you, things just seem to fall into place.

I wonder if you have found this to be true, also?

With every blessing.

Graham

FAIRLIE CHURCH

Afternoon **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

2pm - 4pm
Saturday 30th November

Fairlie Brownie's - Tea's - Cakes - Coffees - Win-a-Hamper

Tickets £2

The Church will be open for donations on Friday 29th Nov from 2.00 - 3.30pm or on the morning

DIARY

October

Sun 27th	9.45am	Communion Service
	4.30 – 5.30	Quiet Time in Church
Thu 31st	10am	Short Prayer Time in Church
	10.30 - Noon	Kirk Café

November

Sun 3rd	9.45am	Morning Praise
	10.45am	Fairtrade Stall in Session House
	6.30pm	Bible Discussion (Millennium Room)
Tue 5th	2.30pm	GUILD 'Joint Guild Rev Jim Whyte - talks about Glasgow Cathedral
Wed 6th		SHOEBOX SORTING
Thu 7th	10am	Short Prayer Time in Church
	10.30 - Noon	Kirk Café
	6.15pm-7.30pm	Brownies
Sun 10th	9.45am	Remembrance Service
Mon 11th	7pm	Kirk Session
Thu 14th	10am	Short Prayer Time in Church
	10.30 - Noon	Kirk Café
	6.15pm-7.30pm	Brownies

Sat 16th	4.30 - 6.30pm	Messy Church
Sun 17th	9.45am	Morning Praise CrossReach & Social Care Sunday

Thu 21st	10am	Short Prayer Time in Church
	10.30am	Kirk Session
	10.30 - Noon	Kirk Café
	6.15pm-7.30pm	Brownies

Sun 24th	9.45am	Eco-Service - Rev. David Coleman
	4.30 – 5.30	Quiet Time in Church
Thu 28th	10am	Short Prayer Time in Church
	10.30 - Noon	Kirk Café
	6.15pm-7.30pm	Brownies
Fri 29th	2.30pm	Set-up for Christmas Fair
Sat 30th		CHRISTMAS FAIR

December

Sun 1st	9.45am	Morning Praise
	10.45am	Fairtrade Stall in Session House
	6.30pm	Bible Discussion (Millennium Room)
Tue 3rd	2.30pm	GUILD 'Postman to Pulpit' Andy Black
Wed 4th	2pm	Guilds Together St Cuthberts, Saltcoats
Thu 5th	10am	Short Prayer Time in Church
	10.30 - Noon	Kirk Café
	6.15pm-7.30pm	Brownies
Sat 7th	4.30 - 6.30pm	Messy Church
Sun 8th	9.45am	Morning Praise
Tue 10th	12.30pm	Guild Christmas Lunch, Village Inn
Wed 11th	2pm	Guilds Together, Stevenston, Ardeer
Thu 12th	10am	Short Prayer Time in Church
	10.30 - Noon	Kirk Café
	6.15pm-7.30pm	Brownies
Sun 15th	9.45am	Morning Praise

WELCOME TEAMS



27 th Oct	Mrs C Brown, Mrs F Grant, Mrs M Gilchrist Mr R Wilkinson, Miss C Gardner
3 rd Nov	Mrs E Clark, Mr J Cowan, Mrs L Cowpe Ms Anna McDonald, Mr A Holden
10 th Nov	W Hastie, Miss Helen Mitchell, Mrs D Stewart Mr J Stewart, Mrs P Black, Mr J Black
17 th Nov	Mrs M Rankine, Miss M Keir, Mr J Riddell Mr J Henderson, Mrs C Thomas
24 th Nov	Mrs A Tyler, Mrs E Rhodes, Mr F Donnachie Mrs A Gregory, Mrs J Miles, Mrs S Kirkwood
1 st Dec	Mr J Whittaker, Mrs A Ellor, Mr I Hunter Mrs P Wilson, Mrs J Busby
8 th Dec	Mrs E Clark, Mr J Cowan, Mrs L Cowpe Ms Anna McDonald, Mr A Holden
15 th Dec	Mrs C Brown, Mrs F Grant, Mrs M Gilchrist Mr R Wilkinson, Miss C Gardner

COFFEE ROTA



27 th Oct	Pat Johnston	Jennifer More
3 rd Nov	Elsie Rhodes	Lynn Whittaker
10 th Nov	Christine Thomas	Shona Kirkwood
17 th Nov	May Cowan	Maureen Rankin
24 th Nov	Ann Gregory	Marion Gilchrist
1 st Dec	Pat Johnston	Jennifer More
8 th Dec	Elsie Rhodes	Lynn Whittaker
15 th Dec	Christine Thomas	Shona Kirkwood

READERS



27 th Oct	Judith Howieson	568314
3 rd Nov	Pam Wilson	568653
10 th Nov	Pat Johnston	568424
17 th Nov	Elsie Rhodes	568393
24 th Nov	Marion Gilchrist	568645
1 st Dec	Catherine Brown	568200
8 th Dec	Fiona Grant	568270
15 th Dec	Ann Ellor	568583

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MORNING PRAISE Sundays 9.45am

MESSY CHURCH Third Saturday 4.30pm

QUIET TIME Last Sunday 4.30pm - 5.30pm

SHORT PRAYER TIME Thursdays 10am

KIRK CAFE Thursdays 10.30am - Noon

GUILD MEETINGS First Tuesday 2.30pm

A mistake last month showed Quiet Time to be on Saturday rather than SUNDAY

THE GUILD



We had a well-attended meeting on Tuesday, 1st October, to hear an interesting talk about the Hunterston Brooch. It was good to meet again after the summer break. There is a change on Tuesday, 5th November, which is a joint meeting with the Largs Guilds. Instead of a talk from Social Responsibility our former minister, the Reverend Jim Whyte, is coming to tell us about Glasgow Cathedral, where he is a guide.

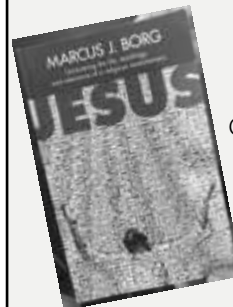
On 3rd December the Reverend Andy Black, who was with us just before Graham came, will be our speaker.

December 10th. is the day of our Christmas lunch in the Village Inn. This was greatly enjoyed last year and I am sure that it will be again.

A warm welcome will be given to all ladies **and** gentlemen. Please do come and join our group.

Pat Johnston

BIBLE DISCUSSION



Bible Discussion using
Marcus Borg's '**Jesus**'

Sunday 3rd November

Come and join us in the Millennium Room
6.30pm Just for an hour

Prilla Thorburn 01294 822956

Next meeting Sunday 1st December

CROSSREACH SUNDAY

SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER when there will be a retiring offering in aid of Crossreach. Crossreach is the Church of Scotland charity, it helps over 10,000 people a year living in Scotland at 70 services throughout the country many who find themselves in vulnerable circumstances.

Crossreach is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year.



FLOWER DELIVERIES



3 rd Nov	Pam Wilson
10 th Nov	Elsie Rhodes
17 th Nov	Christine Thomas
24 th Nov	Anne Tyler

Thank you to Helen Robin for her kind donation for the church flowers.

There will be no fresh flowers during the month of December and the 1st two weeks in January 2020. If for any reason fresh flowers are required please let me know and I will organise for them to be delivered.

Joan Miles

eco congregation



We are certainly living in 'interesting times' and I feel that it is our duty to support the many groups who are forcing Climate Change to the forefront with our prayers and by lobbying our representatives.

Some of their methods may not be entirely to our liking, but, if it is the only way to get some action from the powers that be, let us pray that their actions will progress matters.

I know that Scotland is 700th on the list of polluting nations, but, it is a starting point to set an example to the other 699 above and may even encourage the others below.

When I attended a recent workshop in Irvine, we were being encouraged to cut down on waste by refusing non-essential items, particularly when eating out, or having a take-away, e.g. paper-napkins, straws, sachets and stirrers. If you invest in re-usable cups and water bottles and if you carry a set of cutlery from home, you can avoid single use cutlery, and so prevent waste and even more plastic getting into the sea or landfill. May I make a suggestion, you could ask for a good quality re-usable cup or bottle for Christmas? When I was a child, I remember having a cup which collapsed into a small carrying container. I saw some of this type recently, but, in bright colours.

I noted that our local supermarket are now stocking metal straws, which come four in a packet with a cleaning brush and cleaning instructions, all for the princely sum of £4. I am aware that there are people, who require to use straws and metal would be longer lasting and safer than glass. If you can, please avoid using wipes, as they are unable to be recycled

European Week of Waste Reduction falls in November, from 16-24th, and the Eco-congregation Chaplain, Rev. David Coleman, will be conducting a service in Fairlie and in St. Columba's on Sunday 24th. November

Remember re-cycling Saves energy- Reduces landfill and the call on materials. Spread the word.

In September we used 134c/m of Gas, as against 181 in 2018, our Electricity use was 1195kWh, in comparison with 1208 in 2018.

FAIRLIE PARISH CHURCH

ECO congregation Bring & Buy

Fairlie Church ran a very successful Bring & Buy Sale on the 30th May this year.



People outwith the church gave some delightful home made cards, dainty baskets for gifts and smaller ones containing a Ferrero Roche chocolate.. There were donations of plants, books, marmalade, baking, pashmina's, toiletries & jewellery. People were also wonderfully generous with donations of money.



The final total raised was £198, which will be gratefully used to support events in the region.

Thank you !!



NORTH AYRSHIRE
foodbank

Fairlie Church continues to donate generously to the foodbank.
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The church is generally open on MON, WED, THU, & SUNDAY mornings for food to be left in the baskets at the rear of the church.

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FAIRLIE VILLAGE HALL

May I respond to the article from John Riddell published in the September issue of the Church News



I do not think that anyone would disagree with John's view that we need a new Community centre in Fairlie. However, this is a project for the future that could take five years or more to bring to fruition. John knows how difficult it is to manage such a project. Unfortunately, the Community Association have to deal with the 'here and now' and we have to fight for the continuation of the Village Hall in order to maintain a community facility for the groups that currently meet there and for the audiences that attend film nights and the programme of concerts that we have hosted in partnership with the Gaiety Theatre.

As a member of the Executive of the North Ayrshire Federation of Community Organisations, in recent years

I have been involved in the preparation of two proposals for new-build facilities. The first of these, valued at around £1.2million, was taken to a submission for Lottery funding over a period of two years but, unfortunately, was refused. The second experienced the problems that John highlights in his letter, securing sufficient support from individuals to enable a bid to be prepared. A two-year period of attempting to obtain the skills and volunteers necessary for the task ended in failure. A further two did not get beyond the stage of being a gleam in someone's eye. Nowadays, people do not seem to have the time or the inclination to become involved in community projects.

A new Community Centre was constructed in Irvine two years ago at a cost of £1.8million but it had considerable support from North Ayrshire Council and received undertakings from Ayrshire & Arran Health Board that they would rent accommodation within the Centre. Even so, it took six or seven years from inception to completion. It is unlikely that we in Fairlie could be assured of such support.

I hope that this explains the difficulties involved in achieving a new building, especially in the current financial situation, and why the Community Association would welcome support for maintaining the Village Hall meantime.

Clive Shephard

Future of Fairlie Village Hall

We'd like to thank everyone who took the time to respond to the recent N.A.C. Consultation on the future funding of Fairlie Village Hall and Library. The Council's proposals will be put to Cabinet in November, and we hope to hear a decision shortly thereafter.

Fairlie Community Association

SUNDAY CHURCH & MESSY CHURCH HARVEST GIVING



With collections at Messy Church and at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service this was the wonderful result bound for North Ayrshire Foodbank. There was an additional retiring collection of £300 which was truly appreciated and enabled staff to directly source badly needed goods. Thank you to everyone !

Peace and Quiet by Frank Donnochie

I was heading for the old horse trough at the foot of Cock Road (now part of Glen Road) the other day to cut back the ivy growing over it, having done this a few times carrying on from others before me. The road was very busy and working away I tried to picture an earlier peaceful scene of long ago and, not so long ago, and some of the horses that might have stopped here to have a drink.



Horse Trough at foot of Glen Road

Kelburn Estate, Hunterston Estate and Southannan Estate all visited each other by horse and carriage.

All the large houses built on the shore-front had stables - Beach House, Fairlie Lodge, Fairlie Cottage, Rockhaven, Creich House, Fairlie House, Fairlieburn House, and Brookside. Fairlie Craig's (situated on Glen Road) stable was on the south side of the Countess Steps, - between this and the Round House - Gardener's Cottage, was their beautiful garden.



Arriving at Southannan House

Fairlie High Station opened on 1st June 1880 and it had three platforms. Platform 1 was for the Glasgow train, Platform 2 was for the Largs train and had the signal box at the south end of it. Platform 3 was for goods wagons with a goods yard and crane.

After the tunnel was constructed with a signal box at the north end, Fairlie Pier was built along with its station called Fairlie Pier which opened on 1st July 1882. It also had three

platforms. Platform 1 was for the Glasgow train, Platform 2 was for the Kilmarnock train and Platform 3 was for cattle, sheep, horses and fish trains as Fairlie was a fishing port.

Largs people had to travel to Fairlie to get the train by horse-drawn Charabancs, Brakes of Landaws as Largs station did not open until 1st June 1885.

Carters and their Horses

William "Barney" Miller had the railway stable and the long flat-bedded railway cart with which he delivered all the goods through the village, crates to the 'Establishment' and to Fairlie Brass Foundry. He also had a carting business - one of his horses was taken to the pier at 5.30am - at lunch time the horse was taken back up to the stable at Fairlie High to rest. A fresh horse was taken down to the pier to continue pulling the railway bogies stacked with fish boxes up to Platform 3 from lunch time until after tea time. We also had two kippering stores down at the pier.



Barney Miller collecting seaweed

Mr Walter Paxton was a Kelburn Estate worker and lived in South Lodge which stood on the north side just inside the gate of. which is now the entrance to Kelburn Country Centre. He came with a horse and cart to Fairlie High Station regularly to platform 3 which was for the goods train and carted coal back to keep the many fires going in Kelburn Castle.

Mr Hugh Crawford lived in the south end of Bay Street. He had a coal yard at the rear of his house and he also carted coal from Platform 3. As you walk down Jetty Road there is a lane leading off to the right and this was the entrance to his yard where his stable was later turned into a house. He also had a handsome cab and each time he was called to use his cab he had to quickly wash and change from his coal black clothes into his frock- coat and tile hat.



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Mr John Dalziel had Croftend Dairy Farm (at the rear of St Paul's Church) with two byres full of cows. He had a well-kept milk-cart with two gleaming brass carriage lamps which was pulled by a black horse called Lady. On the cart were a few milk churns with brass taps. Villagers came out with their jugs or containers and the quantity required was measured and poured in. Some complained when the milk was too cold preferring it to be warm believing it to be fresher.

On the banking at the rear of the old Fairlie Primary School was Mr David Boyd's market garden. In the centre of this was a wooden stable. He went rounq the village with his horse and cart selling his produce. At the junction of School Brae and Castlepark roads was a small field where the horse ghrazed and there are now two wooden houses built on it.

Mr James Kirkwood had a large bakers and tearoom which is now a block of flats. (Kirklee) Across the road was his stable (at present painted yellow).

Mr George Muir was a carter who stayed in Underbank Cottage, Montgomerie Drive, He was a descendand of the Muirs from Underbank Farm, Southannan.

Mr Hugh Paton, who had a butchers shop in West Kilbride, came to Fairlie with his horse-drawn van to sell his meat and deliver orders which had been taken a few days before by a woman going round the doors.

The dustcart horse, Jean, was stabled at the Village Inn, then later at a wooden stable which was at the top of Lilybank Lane past an old sweetie shop round to the rear of Elmscote House where the stable was situated. Jean was grassed on a plot at the north end of Castlepark Villas, on which now stands a large house surrounded by conifers. The next horse was called Bella and was stabled at Lady Sophia's old boat shed which was in the middle of what is now the south car park - the council bought it to store their tools, brushes,etc. When Bella retired, Mr Dugald Semple, who lived in Elmscote House, wrote this small poem:-

*Here's Bella the belle of the bins
And Davie and Bill the dustmen
Who could save us a lot of sins
If we just had more common sense
to eat less food out of tins.*

Across the road from the old St Margaret's Church is a house called Curneil Villa. Behind it was a stable. At that time the mail came from Greenock by post gig and the post horse got a rest and food in that stable. It is now a fine house.

Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal



Christian Care for
Body & Soul



Shoeboxes are being gathered and covered. Items are being bought and we are gaining momentum for the big filling and sorting on **Wednesday, 6th November** in the Church from 1 o'clock onwards. Helpers are needed for that day so if you are available come along or speak to Ann Tyler or Alison McKellar for details.

Leaflets are available from the church entrance and notices are on the outside board as to what is needed for the boxes.

We are pleased that Fairlie Primary School have again agreed to participate in the appeal and we hope that some children will be able to come along on 6th to fill some boxes for themselves. Last year the joint effort of church and school meant that **192 filled boxes** were sent with our love and Christmas good wishes to adults, teens and children who would not have received any Christmas gifts. We are also grateful to those who donated enough money to transport the 192 boxes, at £3 per box.

We try to put as many items as possible into the boxes especially toothpaste and brushes, hats, scarves, gloves, soap and face cloth, small toys for children and sweets with best before after March 2020, for everyone. (no chocolate, loose sweets, lollies or undated bags of sweets) Other items include, underwear, socks, brush/comb, stationery of all sorts including notepads, and items of clothing. Always keeping in mind that we have to pack them into a shoe box.

These boxes are transported from the Irvine depot to countries in Eastern Europe or Pakistan. It easy to choose gifts for people who have so little. By filling a shoebox with simple things you can bring a smile this Christmas. Hand in items, or filled boxes to the church.

KNIT and NATTER

Our band of knitters have pulled out all the stops in knitting hats for the shoeboxes and for the baby units, as well as scarves and gloves. Thank you for all the donations of wool we have received. Keep it coming as wool of any ply can be used. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, 13th November** from 1 to 3pm in Millennium Room when all knitters are welcome for cuppa, cake and chat.





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In areas where Universal Credit has been implemented for at least a year, demand for food banks has increased 30%, a new report from the Trussell Trust reveals.

In places where the new system has been running for at least 18 months, demand has jumped to 40%. And in areas with Universal Credit for at least two years, the need for food assistance has leapt to 48%.

Universal Credit is a benefits system that replaces six older legacy benefits with one monthly payment.

The Trussell Trust, a leading UK food bank provider, says that while the Department for Work and Pensions has attempted to find solutions to issues with Universal Credit, the wait for a first benefit payment, which is often longer than five weeks, is causing unnecessary hardship.

Government loans currently offered during the wait are also pushing more people into debt, the organisation charges.

Emma Revie, the Trussell Trust's chief executive, said: "Universal Credit should be there to anchor any of us against the tides of poverty.

"But the five-week wait fatally undermines this principle, pushing people into debt, homelessness and destitution."

In response, the organisation is calling for an end to the five-week waiting period.

In its new report, the charity examined the impact of the five-week wait for Universal Credit by analysing food bank parcel data across 414 food banks within its network.

Natalie Thomas, of the Salvation Army food bank in Preston, noted that there has been a sharp increase in working people and families needed food assistance, and that due to the increased demand, the food bank can now only help people with food parcels three times within a 12-month period, and then they have to turn them away.

She revealed that in June 2018, before the rollout of Universal Credit to everyone on benefits in Preston, the food bank gave out 494 bags of food.

In August this year, it gave out 894 food parcels – despite opening one day less a week.

"Once people are stuck and struggling, it takes a while to get out of that vicious cycle, and the wait for Universal Credit is making life even more difficult for them.

NORTH AYRSHIRE FOODBANK COMES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE TRUSSELL TRUST

Fairlie Parish Church

Afternoon
CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 30th November
2pm - 4pm




STALLS
Baking - Bottle Stall
Fairlie Brownies
TEAS

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Tickets £2

The Church will be open on Friday afternoon 29th
and on Saturday morning to receive donations

CHURCH FLOWER DONATIONS



Most weeks of the year the church is decorated with fresh flowers.

Each week after the service the flowers are distributed to people or organisations in the village.

If you would like to give towards the flowers on any particular week to mark a birthday, anniversary, or someone, donations are always welcome. Contact Joan Miles on 568141

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CAROLINE in CHAD

Caroline Tyler was brought up in Fairlie and now works in Chad, Central Africa

Dear friends,



I'm now back in the UK for a few weeks of annual leave after a busy year in Chad. The past months have had their share of ups and downs, but as I read back over the last few editions of my news updates, I'm amazed that so much has moved forward in one way or another. It does not always feel that way when you are in the thick of it!

The week before I left Chad, I travelled to a town called Bongor at the invitation of the Ministry of Education to represent our organisation at the Chadian edition of the International Literacy Day celebrations on 8 September. The Minister of Education and several other key figures and partners in education were there, and it was a great opportunity for networking and promoting literacy and education in national languages. After the official ceremony, SIL hosted a display table with examples of materials in many Chadian languages. Even the minister



A learner sharing how learning to read and write has helped her and her family.

and the governor of the region were excited to find examples of books in their own language on our table!

As I return to Chad on 27 October, I would appreciate your thoughts and prayers for the busy months ahead and for wisdom and peace in all my interactions, whether in person, by email, phone or internet.

With much appreciation for your ongoing love and support,

Caroline xx

Rambling
ROSE

People often ask me "do I colour my hair?" - It is a long story but I will try to make it short. When I was a wee girl I lived in Hawick where my Mother ran an Hotel, somehow I got "ring-worm" my mother was told I had to go to Glasgow (a long way away) so off we went being sent to a Dr. it turned out he was Sandy's father, so another new beginning, I was sent to a hospital where they said I had to take a pill; this they said would make my hair all be off in the morning, but not to worry it would come in curly! not mine, but the colour it grew in as has never changed, (tiny wee bits of grey at edges) I remember my Mother took me into a large empty Church to say a prayer - I have no idea where. For about 6 months I couldn't go to school, and then was allowed to go for a few months only. I had to wear bandage things over my head and I really lost out on a lot, so I put my ignorance down to missing almost a year of schooling! I don't know if there is still such a disease. Perhaps it is called something else ! - Any answers?

My grandfather who was a great gardener, always told us to plant shallots on the shortest day, I haven't looked that up in the calendar yet, and lift them on the longest.

I feel very lucky, as at the top of my drive, I have a Dr. of medicine, and at the bottom, a Dr. of divinity. Of course I wouldn't just pop in to see them there, but with both I would make an appointment first.

And now an interesting recipe

Pea and parsley soup.

A tablespoon of olive oil and 20gms butter in a large deep saucepan. Heat slowly and then add a medium onion chopped finely as well as a few bits of thyme (leaves only). Then add about a litre of water, the peas (fresh if you have them but I just use frozen). Add parsley-20gms flat leafed, just the top of it, and boil for five to ten minutes with salt and pepper to taste. When cooked cool slightly before puréeing it. When ready you can then add a few more peas and some shredded mint leaves. Somehow it seems strange eating a green soup but I found it very tasty.

When you see a prescription you sometimes see that it contains Penicillin. In the old days I, along with a few others worked in Blythswood square in Glasgow in the Bacteriology Department doing research into Penicillin and other things. Our boss was a man called Dr. Malcolm and as I kept looking down my microscope, he would come up and say "Well what have you found now Rosemary"! I remember doing research into Penicillin. I would put a large sort of "pill" in the middle of an Agar plate then put different bacteria up to the pill, it would then go into a warm place over night. I couldn't wait till next morning to look and see the results.

Rosemary Jarvie



Our September Messy had the harvest theme of being a 'Cheerful Giver' and the children brought produce for our 'Blessings Basket' which was sent to North Ayrshire Foodbank. We started with a letter hunt around the church and this was left up so that Sunday church could have a go too. The message read 'God loves a cheerful giver'. Then we had a parachute game of different kinds of beans, followed by a game of fruit salad where everyone was a fruit and when that fruit was called out, they had to run under the parachute to an empty space. Much squealing and hilarity!!



Our activities included a science experiment - very messy; making fantastic creatures using fruit and cocktail sticks - very yummy; a harvest hanging using cut up vegetable and paint to print flowers - quite messy; cheerful giving giant snakes and ladders - very clean; and best of all - making a hairy caterpillar out of pop socks - really, really dirty. (see photos of them after a week or so) The toddlers (and older kids) had a toy supermarket with a pinging till - quite noisy.

At our celebration time we had an unexpected visit from a farmer from Jesus' time who was amazed at the food in our Blessings Basket. He didn't know about tins of soup or supermarkets and told us how he grew food. Then we all went for our harvest meal of baked potatoes and fillings.

Our next Messy Church will be on Saturday, **16th November from 4 to 6pm** when all are welcome to come and bring along family, friends and neighbours for a relaxed time of sharing and being together.



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