

ST. NINIANS OLD PARISH CHURCH

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## From the Manse

Dear Friends,

The Moderator, the Rt Rev Dr Shaw Paterson, chose as his theme for the General Assembly, 'Building Together.'

He made the point that as a Church we are not only called to work together, but that we are to use the many and varied gifts God has given to us, to build together and make a difference in communities the length and breadth of Scotland and beyond.

The Rev David Cameron, minister of New Laigh Kirk in Kilmarnock, and Convener of the Assembly Trustees, gave a report to the General Assembly in which he said:

***"The Church is in the midst of necessary transformation. Limited resources challenge us, yet they also serve as a catalyst for innovation. Our commitment to future mission and evangelism stands undeterred."***

It was good to hear this, and a timely reminder that at this time of challenge and change we should not lose sight of our primary task, which is to share the good news of the Gospel, and to make known the love of God through the words we speak and the things we do.

When the Kirk Session reflected on comments made in response to the questionnaire that was circulated last summer, we realised, among other things, that there is a need to strengthen the link between our congregation and the community in which we are situated, and for which we have a responsibility.

As a consequence, it was agreed that we should have an 'Open Day' with people from the community, and others who are interested, having an opportunity to visit the Church and Parish Halls when we will share what we do as a congregation, the opportunities that exist for coming together, the organisations and groups we have, and the charities we support throughout the year.

The 'Open Day' will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 11am – 3pm and tea, coffee and home baking will be served.



If you have any ideas that will help us strengthen the link with the community or would like to be involved in planning the 'Open Day' please speak to me or one of the elders.

Recently, I came across words that struck a chord with me. I believe that like the words spoken by Dr Paterson and Mr Cameron, they are particularly relevant at this time when, confronted by some rather bleak figures about membership and finance, one could be tempted to withdraw into ourselves and neglect the all-important work we have to do.

***“Churches that become passionate about people outside their walls will be far more effective than churches that are passionate only about keeping the few people they have inside their walls.”*** Carey Nieuwhof

Let's all build together for the good of God's kingdom in St Ninians and beyond, let's be innovative, and let's make the 'Open Day' one of many building blocks!

I send you my warmest good wishes and assure you of my prayers,

Every blessing,  
Gary J McIntyre

## Services

Services are held at 10:30am on a Sunday morning.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated on the second Sunday of March, June, and September and on the first Sunday of December.

There is a further opportunity for fellowship on the third Sunday of each month in the Parish Halls with tea, coffee, biscuits (occasionally home baking!) being served.

Services are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month (apart from July and August) in Eccles Court at 2pm and Westerlands Care Home at 3pm. The residents in Roselea Court Care Home join us for worship via the livestream on a Sunday morning.



Services can be watched on the Church YouTube channel on a Sunday morning or later in the day or week. A sincere word of thanks to the team at the sound desk for making this possible!

## First Communicants

Three people will publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ and be admitted into the membership of the Church on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. The Kirk Session will meet at 10:15am.

## Holy Spirit RC Church

The good wishes of all at St Ninians Old Parish were conveyed to Fr Jamie Boyle and his parishioners on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Church building in May.



## The General Assembly

By the time you receive this edition of The



Parishioner, the General Assembly will have concluded its business. Reports can, however, be found on the Church of Scotland website. These are informative and helpful as we seek to understand the challenges facing the Church at this time, and to navigate the way forward under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

## The Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland

Mr McIntyre will be at the Royal Highland Show from 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June in his capacity as Chaplain. As well as meeting people and attending events, he will conduct a service on the Sunday morning at 10am.

The Royal Highland Show is an annual event, showcasing the best of food, farming and rural life at Ingilston in Edinburgh.

It is a great day out but if you plan to go get your ticket soon as they are selling quickly!



**ROYAL  
HIGHLAND &  
AGRICULTURAL  
SOCIETY OF  
SCOTLAND**

## Kirk O' Muir



The open-air service at Kirk O' Muir is held on the first Sunday of August at 12 noon. Kirk O' Muir is situated in the Carron Valley and was once the site of a chapel dedicated to St Mary in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

It was at Kirk O' Muir that people known as Covenanters met to worship God.

They were people who had signed various covenants such as the National Covenant in 1638 and who believed the state had no right to interfere in spiritual matters. They upheld the Presbyterian form of Church government.

The Covenants were denounced as illegal and many of those who had signed them were sent to the gallows. Others were jailed or made to leave the country.

The service this year will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 12 noon. The service in the Old Parish on that date will be at 10am.

## Stirling Kirks Together

A Summer Songs of Praise will be held in Park Church on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 6pm and will be followed by a further time of fellowship in the Hall.

There will be an informal Bible study at 7pm in Park Church on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September. All welcome!

Advance notice - A Service of Lessons and Carols will be held in St Ninians Old Parish Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm and there will be tea, coffee and baking in the hall afterwards.



## Presbytery of Perth

It was a pleasure to have the Rev Dr John Ferguson, Clerk to the Presbytery of Perth, speak during the service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. John spoke about the work of the Presbytery and had an opportunity to meet members of the congregation in the hall afterwards when a lovely selection of home baking, tea and coffee were served.



## Stained Glass Windows

REV GARY J MCINTYRE



A recent visitor to the Church asked about the tall, narrow windows either side of the pulpit.

They were installed in 1940 and are the work of Douglas Hamilton who was born in 1895 and died in 1959.

Foliage and birds are depicted at the top and bottom of both windows with much of the rest being lightly coloured with a central panel of an angel. The one on the left is praying while the one on the right holds a sheaf of wheat.



## The 8<sup>th</sup> Stirling (St Ninians) Company of the Boys' Brigade

DAVID ROSS

Another busy and successful BB session is coming to a close. However, the 8th Stirling are finishing on a high! 24 boys from the Company and Junior Sections once again, as is tradition, headed for Tighnabraich for their annual BB Camp weekend.

An advanced party lead by Mr Unsworth & Mr Watt headed to camp a day early to help get camp open and ready for the weekend of fun. The rest of the boys and officers spent Saturday to Monday at Low Stillaig enjoying lots of fun and fellowship. Many team games like tower building on the beach, and a treasure hunt took place. Even the weather held out for us!



A good BB Camp is never complete without good food. This year's menu included homemade Chilli with rice and then the highlight for many (including Mr Watt!) Meatballs and pasta. All kindly prepared for them by Mrs Gray, whose cooking gained her plenty of compliments. The good food made doing the dishes that little bit easier!

Sunday night concluded with a campfire on the beach and toasting some marshmallows with the boys enjoying some time together and the beautiful scenery, looking onto Loch Fyne.

Monday saw the boys up early, bags packed, and the tents put away. Just in time for the sun to come out as we got ready to leave. However, a great weekend was had by all and we are already looking forward to next year!

The end of the BB session will be on Friday 31st of May, where we will meet in the Church for our prize giving. The evening starts at 7pm and all are welcome to come and share in the success of our amazing young people. This year's inspecting Officer is the Battalion President Rev. Iain Goring, and we look forward to welcoming him back to St Ninians once again.



This year's prize giving is going to be extra special as we have 3 Queens Badges being awarded to Ewan Cameron, Andrew Newlands and Hugh Bruce. All three, are worthy recipients of the award and a credit to the 8th and their families. These will be the final Queens Badges awarded at 8th for quite some time, as just recently King Charles has accepted the role of Patron of the Boys' Brigade meaning that from next session boys will be aiming to achieve the Kings' Badge.

The BB Session will start once again at the end of August, and we are always on the lookout for volunteers. So if this is something that you may be interested in please feel free to email me ([davidchristopherross@gmail.com](mailto:davidchristopherross@gmail.com)) and I would be more than happy to have a chat.

## Social and Fundraising Committee

ALISON NEWMAN

**BBQ** - The Social and Fundraising Group will hold the annual BBQ on Saturday 20 July from 3pm in the Manse garden.

We look forward to seeing the usual faces and new ones too, the more the merrier. Remember to bring a chair, tumbler and whatever liquid refreshment you wish.

The cost of the tickets will be £14 and will be available from the beginning of July. We look forward to seeing you then.



**Save the date - The Soup and Sandwich Lunches** will re-commence on Saturday 5 October at 12 noon until 1.30pm.

ST.NINIANS OLD PARISH CHURCH  
**SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH**



1st Saturday of month  
October - March  
12:00pm - 1:30pm  
The Parish Halls

For anyone who has never attended these we supply a good selection of soups and filled rolls.

This is a great opportunity to meet up with old and new friends, come along and join the fellowship.

## Pastoral Care Group

GRACE McINTOSH

If you know of anyone who would benefit from telephone contact or a visit from a Pastoral Care Group member, please let me or the Minister know.

## Sunday Club

We have been doing lots of crafts in recent weeks at Sunday Club.



For Mothering Sunday, we made flower bouquets using cupcake cases and we also made little boxes and filled them with a few sweet treats for our Mums. We also learned about, Jochebed, the mother of Moses. We learned how Jochebed saved Moses' life and we made baskets, just like the one Moses was placed in.

On Palm Sunday we made Palm branches and we also made lambs by drawing round our hands. We are very grateful to Mrs Templeton for making little Easter Bunnies complete with Easter eggs for each of us, they were yummy. Thank you.

When the sun was shining, we took the opportunity to get out to our planters and tidy them up. We also planted sunflower seeds.

In recent weeks we talked about Jesus telling the disciples to cast their nets to the other side of their boat. We had fun that week making fish art. We learned about Pentecost and how that is viewed as the birthday of the Christian Church and we also learned about the work Christian Aid does and we thought about how we can help.

Sunday Club is for children from Nursery to Primary 7. We would love to welcome new families to our Sunday Club family.



## Tuesday Group

MIRANDA MILLER

The recent AGM was held on 26th March in the King Robert Hotel. There was a very good attendance of members, and it was decided that a new Pulpit Fall would be purchased from existing funds.

The new session will commence on the 24th of September at 2:00pm, when the annual afternoon tea will be served.

We now have enough lovely bone china tea sets of our own to use, so many thanks to all members and friends who have generously donated the beautiful china. The cost of the afternoon tea will be £5 but this will include the annual subscription fee.

Since the last quiz afternoon was so successful, the committee has decided to hold another one on 29th October.

Many members are now reluctant to come out in the evening therefore the Scots' Night will now be celebrated on the afternoon of the 26th of November.

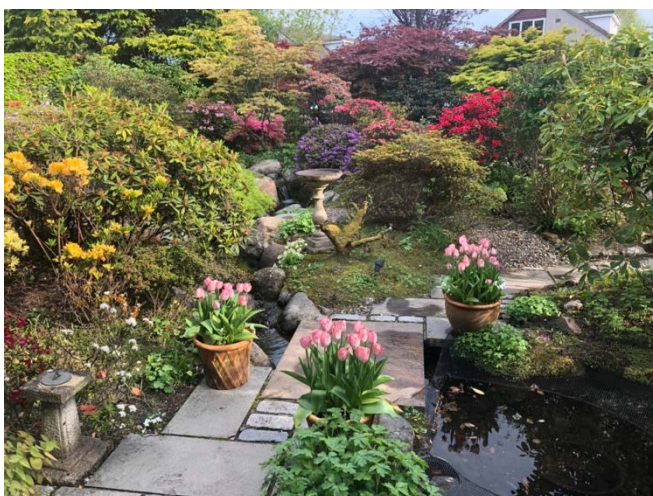
Christmas lunch will be on the 10th of December, more details to follow.

The committee would like to thank all those who have attended over the last session and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

## Photo Gallery

KEN CHRISTIE

Spring garden @No.5



## Stirling Kirks Together

### *The Stirling Kirks Together*

**All- Age Friendship Lunches will continue to be held through the summer, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

**From 12noon-1.30pm**

**Venue: Park Church Main Hall, Park Terrace**



**Conversation**

**Soup & Rolls, Tea, Coffee and Home Baking**

**All welcome (Optional £3 donation)**

For further information contact Johan Stirling on 01786 461571

## Easter Journey – Schools Programme 2024

LYNDSAY BOYACK Member of Park Church

As part of our School Programmes covering Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, we hosted over 130 Primary 6 children from our feeder schools- Borestone, St Ninians and Allans- over 5 sessions in late March.

This is a joint venture with St Ninians Old Parish Church and we are very grateful to all the volunteers who helped in many different ways to deliver the programme.

Our aim is to help the children to understand why, we as Christians, celebrate Easter and the events leading up to Christ's death and resurrection. This is done in a variety of ways with a quiz, spontaneous drama- very popular- and the main part of the session involving the children moving round 4 experiences which Jesus and his followers would have been part of -the Passover meal, the arrest in the garden, the crowd before Pilate and the cross itself.

We particularly want to get across to the children that at the beginning of the last week of Jesus's life, he arrived in Jerusalem with great excitement and by the end of the week he had been condemned to die. But this was not the end.

Obviously, some of the pupils know that he rose again- particularly the boys who are part of the Boys Brigade.

At the end of the session, we ask the children to comment on what they have learned and what might still be puzzling them.

Some of the comments are quite insightful:

***'I wonder why everyone couldn't get along?'***

***'I already knew that the stone rolled away from the tomb and Jesus got crucified but I didn't know that they ate special food at the last supper, and it was delicious!'***

***'People tend to follow the crowd'.***

***'I have learned that Jesus wanted peace with no fighting and Jesus healed any injuries on other people'.***

Many thanks again to all who helped particularly Attie and Gary at such a busy time in the Church calendar.



## Wanderings in Leith

SANDRA AND JESSIE SCOBIE



On a recent visit to Leith we decided to take a path less travelled on one of our morning walks. Sighting a beautiful tower with Dutch style steeple ahead it reminded us of our own one here in Stirling. Once outside the building we were surprised to read on the blue historical plaque that this had been the 'Old St Ninians Church'. Thought to be one of the oldest buildings in Leith. There has been a St Ninians Chapel on the site since 1493 established by Robert Ballantyne, the Abbot of Holyrood, and was served by two chaplains. After the English raids in 1544 and 1547 it was left in ruins. The people of North Leith rebuilt it after the reformation of 1560. In 1609 the Parish of North Leith was created and the old chapel became the Parish Church. The distinctive tower being added in 1675. Inside then there was a three sided gallery decorated with the emblems of the Trades Incorporations of North Leith. Over the years that followed many different congregations worshipped in the building. In 1816 the minister and congregation moved to a new site and the building complex was given over to industrial uses. In 1997 the old manse, belfry and adjacent building were purchased by the Cockburn Conservation Trust being

restored as use for domestic accommodation and office space.

After a few hundred years the tower, as like ours, remains standing. A reminder within both communities of our history and the diverse groups of people that have contributed to the areas we now know.

On our final morning we went on a search to find the Old Leith Theatre and Library. But first another fine building with very tall spire and unusual burial ground to the side caught our attention. On reading its historical blue plaque we were surprised to read it was the 'North Leith Parish Church'. It was built to replace the one on the site of 'Old St Ninians Church' we stumbled across the day before. When that had become too small for its large congregation The North Leith Parish Church was built to replace it on Madeira Street in 1816. The church was designed by architect William Burn. He was a highly regarded Scottish architect and one of the three leaders of Edinburgh neoclassicism. The building was damaged during World War Two but repaired by 1950.



Whilst admiring the church from outside the minister and another church member were opening the gates. After a discussion around the church and being informed that it was due to close in the coming weeks we were invited in for an impromptu guided tour. We could sense the history of the building as the sun shone through the beautiful stained glass windows. The congregation now having to conserve the life of a church through its recorded objects and on historical boards. On-leaving we were invited to write in their visitor book. We were able to offer good wishes in going forward from ourselves mentioning our own St Ninians Old Parish Church, Stirling.

Sad to advise North Leith Parish Church closed its doors on Easter Sunday. During what is another significant period of change for the churches in Scotland we felt it was a timely coincidence for us to have stumbled across these two old historical buildings of Leith connecting us to home.

## A Walk in the Woods

HELEN COOK

One of our favourite walks in early Spring takes us through Balquhiddelock Wood. When we first came to Stirling, in early Spring we were amazed to see the floor of these woods covered in little white wood anemones. After a couple of weeks, the white flowers were joined by bluebells. Each year the number of bluebells seems to increase, especially at the end of the woods nearest to the Bannockburn – perhaps because fewer people take that walk. We walked there last Sunday afternoon with one of our daughters and her two little children. There were lots of puddles (and mud!) for the children to enjoy, and there were large swathes of bluebells scattered through the trees.



It makes me think of Jesus' words, "See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these." But most of us are aware that our natural world is under great pressure from climate change, which is in part at least brought about by how we live in it.

A hymn written by Shirley Erena Murray from New Zealand, encourages us all to work for the healing of our small, shared planet. I think we need to ask God to give us spiritual strength to face this crisis at many levels. Here is a part of her hymn, number 243 in our hymn book:

Touch the earth lightly, Use the earth gently,  
Nourish the life of the world in our care;  
Gifts of great wonder;  
Ours to surrender;  
Trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

Let there be greening, Birth from the burning,  
Water that blesses and air that is sweet,  
Health in God's garden,  
Hope in God's children,  
Regeneration that peace will complete.

## Obeying a tap on the shoulder

MARGARET SIBBALD

Lacking the education he needed to become a foreign missionary, Peter Marshall left his native Scotland for the USA in 1927 and worked at several jobs before becoming accepted as a candidate for the ministry.

As a preacher at Washington's historic New York Avenue Presbyterian Church and as chaplain of the US Senate, he gained renown for his sermons, some of which appeared in **Mr Jones Meets the Master**.

He wrote:

*Now if you were walking down the street and someone came up behind you and tapped you on the shoulder..... what would you do?*

*Naturally you would turn round.*

*Well, that is what happens in the spiritual world. A man walks through life with the external call ringing in his ears but with no response stirring in his heart and suddenly without any warning, the Holy Spirit taps him on the shoulder.*

*What happens? He turns round.*

*The word repentance means turning around.*

*He repents, believes and is saved.*

*The Tap on the Shoulder is the almighty power of God acting without help or hindrance upon the chosen fallen sinner so as to produce a new creature and lead him into the particular work which God has for him.*

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and said to him "Follow Me." Matthew 9:9



St Ninians Old Parish Church



# Open Day

Saturday 21st September 2024

11am -3pm

We would love to welcome you on our Open Day.

- Come inside for a look around the Church and Parish Halls.
- Learn about the charities we support.
- Discover what groups meet in our buildings.
- Take part in the craft activities for young people.
- Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some homebaking.





## The Churchwoman's Lament

AVRIL SCOTLAND

Each year, as April approaches and yet another birthday hurtles towards me, whilst I feel truly fortunate to be fit and able to celebrate that birthday, I find myself becoming increasingly aware that time is indeed finite.

In the gloomy early days of the pandemic with an excess of time at my disposal, I made lists of the various hymns, readings and music to be included in my final farewell. I was tempted to write a eulogy, but that seemed rather overly controlling— and who knows if my family will ever find my comprehensive instructions?

All this planning, and I assure you that I don't have a date pencilled in, led me to reflect that age does indeed mellow. I used to think that I might have Stirling Male Voice Choir singing their version of the old Matt Monroe classic — Softly, I will leave you softly. Verily I didn't want a dry eye in the Church. Now I realise I'd much rather people went out with a smile on their faces, and I remembered these lines that I'd written for a Church event some years ago. They're somewhat irreverent, but they may resonate with some ladies of the congregation.

I joined the Church long years ago  
Way back in sixty-seven  
Little did I know way back then  
I'd have to bake my way to Heaven.  
Yes, I've whisked up many a pancake.  
Meringues give me no worry.  
And I'm just the wee wummin  
For scones in a hurry.  
But lately there has come to me  
A wee perplexing thought  
I thocht I couldnae share it  
But then again— why not?  
For it's when Saint Peter meets me  
At thon pearly gate  
Will he smile and say— Welcome child  
Or will he...Just haud oot his plate?

## The Gospels

ARTHUR S WALLS

### St. Mark's Gospel

For the Spring edition of *The Parishioner*, my article was about St. Luke's Gospel. My article for the Summer edition is about St. Mark's Gospel.

Mark's opening sentence - "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" - packs a real punch. The startling truth is out: the purpose of the Gospel and its message are on the table from the outset.

This is the shortest of the Gospels and probably the first to be written. There is a strong early tradition that John Mark wrote The Gospel in Rome, setting down Jesus' story as he heard it directly from the apostle Peter.

Mark shows us Jesus in action, convincing us by the things he does that his claim to be the Son of God is true.

#### Who was Mark?

The name "John Mark" occurs often in Acts and the New Testament Letters ('John' is the Jewish name, "Mark" the Latin). His mother had a house in Jerusalem where Jesus' followers met in the days of the early church. And he was cousin to Paul's companion, Barnabas. Mark blotted his copy book with Paul by going home half-way through the first missionary tour. But Barnabas gave him a second chance, and he later won the respect of Paul and Peter. He was a real comfort to Paul in prison (Colossians 4). And Peter, whose companion he became, loved him as his own son (1 Peter 5:13).

My own favourite story from Mark's Gospel is to be found in Chapter 7, verses 24 to 30.

It is often said that Jesus went on holiday accompanied by some of his disciples and moved into the territory of Tyre. He found a house to stay in, and would have liked to remain unrecognised, but that was impossible. Almost at once a woman, whose small daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit, heard of him and fell at his feet (the woman was a Gentile, a Phoenician of Syria by nationality). She begged him to drive the demon out of her daughter. "Son of David! Have pity on me; my daughter is tormented by a devil." He said not a word in reply. His disciples came and urged him, "Send her away! See how she comes shouting after us." Jesus replied, "I was sent to the lost sheep of the

house of Israel, and to them alone.” But the woman who had fallen at his feet cried, “Help me, sir.” Jesus replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” “True, sir,” she answered, “and yet the dogs eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table.” Hearing this Jesus replied, “What faith you have! Let it be as you wish!” And from that moment her daughter was restored to health.

In many ways Jesus was indulging in a bit of banter with the woman. His curing miracles were for the lost sheep of the house of Israel which he called the children’s bread. While she was a non-Jew likened to being a dog. The woman went along with this and was happy to take the crumbs that fell from the master’s table, as dogs do as anyone who has a dog will know. It shows Jesus sense of humour and saw the woman going along with his banter. He could not deny the dog taking the crumbs that fell from his master’s table.

As I said earlier, Mark shows us Jesus in action, convincing us by the things he does that his claim to be the Son of God is true.

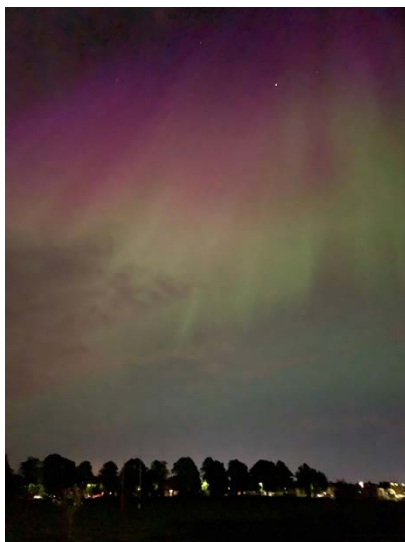
## Photo Gallery

LESLIE ASHER

Northern Lights



The Northern Lights were visible in the skies across Scotland on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. It was quite the display.



## Poem – *The Lost Lost-Property Office* – Roger McGough

Submitted by DOT GAIRNS

Taken from the collection *Poetry Pie*.

On buses and trains  
you wouldn't believe  
The crazy things that  
passengers leave:

A pair of crutches, I kid  
you not,

Hot-waterbottle, full  
but no longer hot

A bouncy castle  
deflating slowly  
Glove discarded by a  
one-armed goalie

Pink chiffon tutu for a  
large ballerina

A can of worms and a  
concertina

A ventriloquist's  
dummy with nothing to  
say

An Egyptian mummy  
all dusty and grey

A scaffolder asleep in a  
Spider-Man suit  
the tangled remains of  
a failed parachute

A Viking helmet and a  
broken lance

A pair of elephant's  
underpants

A file with Top Secret  
stamped in red  
(Inside a card, April  
Fool it said)

An Alpine horn and a  
didgeridoo

A signed photo of  
Winnie-the-Pooh

A shot-putter's shot  
and a pole vaulter's  
pole

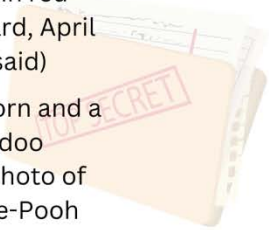
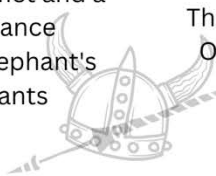
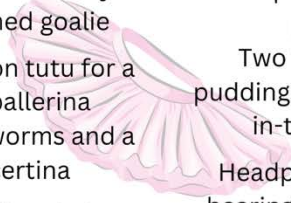
Two Yorkshire  
puddings and a toad-  
in-the-hole

Headphones and  
hearing aids by the  
score

A mountain of mobiles  
and a lavatory door.

A bucket of toenails  
and a wooden plank  
Two air-to-air missiles  
and a Russian tank

Lost any of these? Bad  
news I'm afraid,  
The Lost-Property  
Office has been  
mislaid.



## *The Catch (Acrylic) – CATH READ*

MARION JACKSON



Herring in the 19th and most of the 20th century was easily available in Scotland's waters and numbers were so great that the Scottish Fishing Industry became the largest in Europe. During the boom years Scottish Fisher Lassies were an integral part of the fisheries landscape at any port where herring were landed. These girls came from fishing villages around the coast of Scotland and from age 15 had the harsh back-breaking and cold job of gutting and packing fish, travelling around the country following the fishing fleet. Perhaps you have a Fisher Lass in your family history?

Scottish Fisheries Museum in Anstruther has lots of interesting information and makes for a good day out (with a decent chippie close by!)

## Poem – *The Train of My Life*

Submitted by MARGARET CURRIE LAMONT

At birth we board the train and meet our parents,  
and we believe they will always travel by our side.

As time goes by other people will board the train.  
And they will be significant:  
our siblings, friends, children, even the love of our life.

However, at some station  
our parents will step down from  
the train, leaving us on the  
journey alone.

Others will step down over time  
and leave a permanent vacuum.  
Some however, will go so unnoticed  
that we don't realise  
they've vacated their seats.

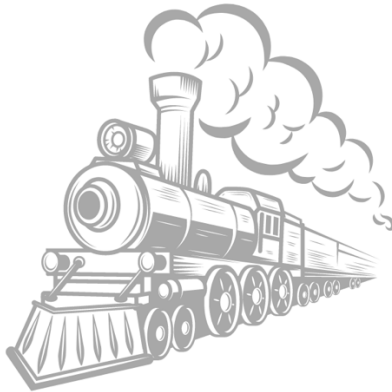
The train ride will be full of joy,  
sorrow, fantasy, expectations,  
hellos, goodbyes and farewells.  
Success consists of having a  
good relationship with all  
passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is:  
We do not know at which station  
We ourselves will step down.  
So we must live in the best way,  
love, forgive and offer the best  
of who we are.

It is important to do  
this because when the time  
comes for us to step down  
and leave our seat empty

we should leave behind beautiful  
memories for those who will  
continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you all a joyful journey on the  
train of life.  
Reap success and give lots of love.  
More importantly, thank God for the  
journey.



## The Parish Register

**Baptism** *"In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit"*

26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Archie Donald MacLean

Son of Alasdair and Sarah-Jane

Shepherd's Cottage, Heylipol Farm, Tiree

**Deaths** *"I am the resurrection and the life"*.

**19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Mr John Graham

11 Park Gardens,

Bannockburn

**26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Mrs Violet Anderson

144 Cultenhove Road,

St Ninians (District 28)

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Mr Kyle Marshall

1 Gateside Road,

St Ninians

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Mr Jayden McConnell

3 Gateside Road,

St Ninians

**5<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Mr Tommy Tullock

27c Rollock Street,

Stirling

**13<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Mr David Goodbrand

5 Graysdale Road,

St Ninians

**9<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Mrs Jean Carroll  
29 Bearside Road,  
St Ninians (District 32)

**23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024**

Mr Willie Currie  
46 Crum Crescent,  
St Ninians

**25<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Mrs Evelyn Begley  
15 Murrayfield Terrace,  
Bannockburn (District 40)

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

### **Photo Gallery**

ARTHUR S WALLS  
Summer bloom Bridge of Allan  
Park







# RECIPES



## Peanut Butter Fudge

THELMA JAMIESON

### INGREDIENTS

400g jar of peanut butter

1 tub (400g) buttercream icing (Betty Crocker)

### METHOD

Put jar of peanut butter in the microwave for 1 minute. Empty into a mixing bowl.

Put buttercream icing into microwave for 1 minute. Empty into mixing bowl with peanut butter.

Mix both together and press into a baking tray that you have lined with greaseproof paper.

Put in fridge for 1 hour.

Cut into small squares. Enjoy 😊



You could also cover with melted chocolate before you cut into small squares.

## Photo Gallery



Our Social & Fundraising Committee ladies enjoying a lovely lunch recently at the Hollybank.

These ladies do a wonderful job of organising and serving our Soup & Sandwich lunches as well as our other social events. We hope they enjoyed being served for a change; they certainly deserve it.

## Photo Gallery

AARON COLTHART

Grounds Crew



Ernie caught a few of the volunteers in action at the first Church grounds tidy of the season.

The group weeded round the perimeter of the grounds and also the path.



We are very grateful to all who give of their time to help in this way. Thank you.

## Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!



The Stirling Reuse Hub is an exciting space in Springkerse dedicated to selling high quality pre-owned furniture, household goods and so much more!

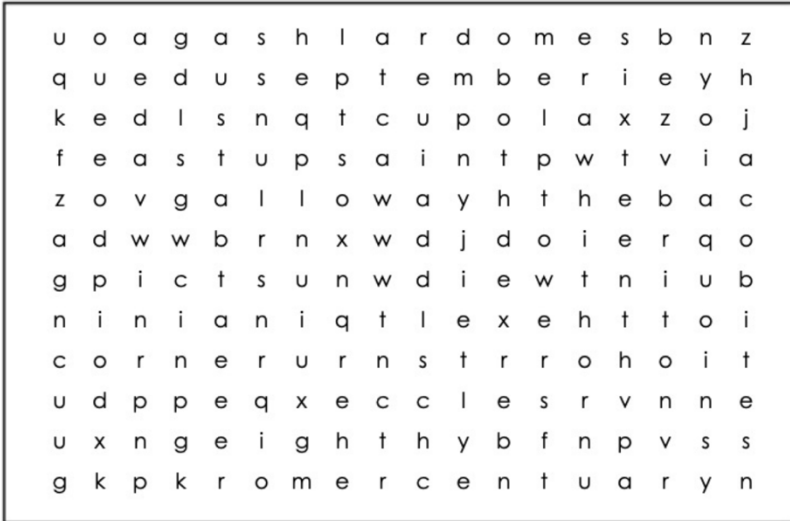
They run workshops and events to help us all live better by reducing consumption and creating a more sustainable way of living.

All are welcome, including furry friends!

They are open Wednesday – Saturday, 10am-5pm and 11am-4pm on Sunday.

## Wordsearch

Can you find the words associated with Saint Ninian and our own Old Parish Church.



Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

ashlar dome  
corner urns  
september  
sixteenth  
jacobites  
gunpowder  
whithorn

centuary  
galloway  
ninian  
eighth  
briton  
eccles  
cupola

quoins  
saint  
picts  
feast  
tower  
rome

ST. NINIANS OLD PARISH CHURCH

# PARISHIONER

AUTUMN 2024



The Autumn Edition of the Parishioner  
will be out early September.

Submission Date for Articles is:  
**Sunday 11th August**

Thank you

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