



2021

I thought I would mention that all the tunes selected will be played on Youtube.

You should be aware that Youtube will nearly always try to play adverts before your choice (annoying habit!).

As you watch the first advert, you will see “Skip Ads” appear. Click on that box.

Easter Message

Easter for me is the most significant festival of the Christian calendar and the most memorable time for me was when I was able to celebrate Easter in Jerusalem.

It must be some 15 + years ago that I was a co-leader of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and it culminated in celebrating with an Easter Morning Service in the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem.

We had done all the other touristy things including a sail on the Sea of Galilee and the Mount of Olives but on Easter morning we had booked to go to an English Service in the Garden Tomb.

It was so busy you had to book and there were services at different times and in different languages.

We were booked in for 6.30 a.m. It meant that we had to make our way from the St. Andrew’s Hospice through the Old City to our meeting place.

The streets were busy with other pilgrims and we greeted each other with the traditional Easter greeting “Christ is risen”, and the response was “He is risen indeed”.

The garden was packed, and it was such a wonderful experience to be there in that place on Easter Sunday morning to join with so many others in celebrating the resurrection of our Saviour Jesus.

Not an Easter Egg in sight but a truly memorable time.

My favourite hymn is “There is a green hill far away”

Left click on the red writing to listen to the tune.

[There Is A Green Hill Far Away](#)

Rev. George Fiddes (Locum)

Session Matters

The Kirk Session has continued to meet via “Zoom”, albeit with some occasional technical hiccups!

The Church building now has an Internet connection, so, hopefully, when we are allowed to reopen it will be easier for those who cannot physically attend to join us in worship on a Sunday morning.

The main item of business, for both the Session and Congregational Board has been making sure that we are able to welcome our new minister to Mauchline and Sorn. The Rev. Vint is due to be Inducted into his new Charge on Tuesday, 9th March at 7pm.

Unfortunately, the service will take place via Zoom, and we cannot hold a social evening to introduce ourselves to Allan and his family, but I know that we are all looking forward to welcoming them to Ayrshire.

A huge Thank You is due to George Fiddes, Bob Mayes and Christine Stewart for all their hard work and support during our period of vacancy.

The Session is very grateful to them, as, I’m sure, are all of you.

Favourite Easter Hymn

A traditional favourite for, I’m afraid, all the wrong reasons! A church service was always the last event on the last day of school before the Easter holidays, and the final hymn was always “Thine be the Glory”.

Afterwards, we were allowed to run straight home from the church: a two minute journey for me, leading to two weeks of freedom.

A great feeling of happiness, which I still remember to this day, and will always associate with this hymn, which is, of course, terrific for a whole host of other reasons.

Left click on the red writing to listen to the tune.

[Thine Be The Glory](#)

Kirsty Murray

Presbytery Report

Under the present covid situation, the work of our wider Church goes ahead using modern technology.

In Mauchline our nomination committee, the congregational board and Kirk Session, have met by Zoom and hopefully, successfully!

Some of us, speaking for myself, had problems adapting to this new medium but practice makes nearer perfect.

Ayr presbytery have been having committee meetings and there has been two full presbytery meetings by zoom since last March, where normal business as well as the extra load from covid restrictions was attended to.

Regular updates on covid restrictions are posted on internet as regulations change.

The moderator, Rev David Prentice-Hyers will remain in post for another year, because of the pandemic.

Discussions on amalgamations of presbyteries are ongoing, now including six presbyteries, across an area from North Ayrshire to the Scottish Borders.



The induction of our new minister Rev. Dr Allan Vint will unfortunately be performed by Zoom as well, with a more normal form of service when conditions are suitable. Mauchline/Sorn this year will be commissioners at the General Assembly, like other organisations this will for the second year be conducted on Zoom.

Organising a meeting with these numbers does create problems, but having last year's knowledge to draw on it is planned to have more sessions this year.

I will be representing our linked charge this year hopefully with success.

One bonus of zoom is that meetings don't last as long, Maybe long winded folks are not comfortable with this new medium, not like Handforth Council meeting.

Ian Watt

Guild News

With having no Guild meetings for almost a year now, it would be easy to lose heart and think things will be the same again.

We cannot, and should not, forget the downsides and things we have missed during the past months, but we can pray for each other, for all Guild members and 'Look Forward In Faith'.

Although the Guild has not been meeting in the usual way, it has not gone away.

Things have been happening!

New Projects have been chosen for 2021 - 2024, (these to be announced in April), a new National Convener has taken up her post, and a new Theme Guide has been prepared and will be sent out to local Guild Branches very soon.

The Guild has been around a long time and is not afraid of challenges.

It is exciting to think of what we can, and will do, when the energy of the Guild is released again.

I hope all are well, take care, stay safe and Blessings to you all.

Isabel Smith. Convener

Easter Song

A great song by Phil Wickham is 'Living Hope' as the final verse sums up the message of Easter perfectly.

Left click on the red writing to listen to the tune.

[Living Hope](#)

Jennifer Beck

My choice for an Easter Praise Item would be a Phil Wickham track "For God So Loved"

Left click on the red writing to listen to the tune.

[For God So Loved](#)

Christine Beck

Calling all surfers

A New Year, and a new hope, with the promise of a number of new vaccines becoming available.

Governments all over the world are racing to provide mass vaccination centres, to allow the population of each country to receive a degree of protection for their people.

The hope is that if enough people in the world receive a vaccine, this will drastically cut the number who can catch the symptoms and be seriously affected.

Web Statistics

Normally I would provide everyone with statistics about the countries and cities who were looking at the morning services.

Unfortunately this has not been possible, as our services are no longer recorded, however our Locum the Rev George Fiddes has very kindly provided us with a Reflection to view and listen to via Youtube, on a Sunday morning.

I have collated the number of people viewing his Reflection each month starting, on May 2020 until January 2021 and they are as follows:

2020 May (269), June (747), July (612), August (481), September (293), October (221), November (441), December (439),

2021 January 2021 (394)

I find these figures very impressive, and show that people are still eager to receive the message every Sunday.

If you have any friends or relatives who use the World Wide Web, be sure to let them know about www.mauchlineparish.org.uk and increase our audience.

Perhaps they might even wish to become virtual members (and it doesn't cost anything to join)

Organisations

Please ensure that you check your web page for any inaccuracies or old information.

If you find anything needs to be changed, then please let me know, so that I can ensure that our website remains fresh and up-to-date.

Easter Song

My choice for an Easter Praise Item would be "Risen", by Shawna Edwards.

Left click on the red writing to listen to the tune.

[Risen](#)



Jim Beck

Finance Report

As this newsletter becomes available on the website, our annual accounts are being prepared.

These accounts will be available at the Stated Business meeting in March.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their financial support to our church throughout this pandemic year.

This has been an especially difficult year for all and at the moment our finances are in a pretty dire state. We haven't had the benefit of fundraising this past year and we didn't hold a Gift Day, although one or two folks contributed to that.

Due to halls being closed, we do not have the benefit of hall lets.

We received a Legacy of £1000 and a couple of organisations gave donations toward church funds.

Were it not for the £11,882 recovered from HMRC on Gift Aid we would certainly be in schtook.

Below are provisional figures and are likely to change slightly.

Income to 31/12/2020	65,800.60
expenditure	<u>72,006.28</u>
Deficit	6,206.28

As you can see our income has not met our expenditure. I would urge you, if you are able to continue contributing towards our costs either by bank transfer, cheque or cash. You can also pay through the Church of Scotland website and your contribution comes straight to us.

As the vaccine programme rolls out throughout the land let us pray that we will all meet again soon within our church building [socially distanced of course] to thank God for what we have.

One of my favourite Easter hymns is "Thine Be The Glory".

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[Thine Be The Glory](#)

Elizabeth Morris
Treasurer

Social Committee Report.

On Saturday 6th February I sat glued to the television to watch Scotland v England in the 6 Nations rugby tournament at Twickenham.

My heart almost burst with pride when the boys belted out Flower of Scotland and a wee tear escaped and ran down my cheek.

The result of that game will go down in history as Scotland, won for the first time since 1983. Well done boys.

It's Saturday night and as we must Stay At Home there is nothing else for it but to watch TV.

What's on? The masked singer, I don't normally watch it but I needed inspiration for a social gathering to welcome our new minister and his wife into our church family.

Sadly his induction will be a zoom meeting which won't be the same as shaking hands with Dr and Mrs Vint.

As social convener it is my job to plan a Welcome Do but don't hold your breath as we don't know when lockdown will be eased, but when it is, I am considering The Masked Singer. You singers out there beware if you meet me when out for your daily walk as I might just bend your arm and invite you to be involved and don one of my many unusual masks, but if you reverse I will assume the answer is no, "ho ho ho".

I have a beautiful cat costume which I am sure Janice Taylor would fit into perfectly and I am positive she would be game for a laugh and I pray you will all follow her example.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in church again and welcoming our new manse family, whenever WEE NICOLA permits us.

Easter Memory

My Dad was a very artistic man and always encouraged me and my sisters to display our talents by painting our Easter eggs.

My Mum would boil them for 10 minutes on the Saturday and lay the paints out on the kitchen table.

If it were now she would shout, "Artists you have 30 minutes to paint your egg, the time starts now".

On Sunday morning after church we would go to Hoods Hill just outside the village and roll our eggs.

I recall the sun always shone and it was a happy event, except for the year my aunt Mary and her dog Judy joined us. Being the youngest I was always allowed to start the fun.

My colourful little piece of artwork went rolling down the hill followed by Judy, barking and running circles round it.

My egg never reached the bottom, our four legged friend had her first taste of a painted boiled egg and proudly displayed a multi coloured tongue.

I was upset to say the least but to console me my Dad lifted me onto his shoulders and took me to Elio Poli's cafe and bought me a large ice cream cone with raspberry.

That brought the smile back to my face.

Favourite Easter Hymn



My favourite Easter hymn has to be "There Is A Green Hill Far Away" as it holds many memories and is probably the first one I learned in Sunday School.

It also tells the story so clearly.

Left click on the red writing to listen to the tune.

[There is A Green Hill Far Away](#)

Jan Walker, Social Convenor.

SPRING RECIPE:

TWO EASY PUDDINGS TO ENJOY



Congregational Register

New Members by Profession of Faith

No Changes

Certificate of Transfer issued to

No Changes

Admitted by Certificate

No Changes

Weddings

No Changes

Baptisms

No Changes

Mauchline Funerals

No Changes

Dates For the diary

February

March

Monday 1st The Kirk session will meet at 7.30pm on Monday, 1st March.

Topic: Session meeting

To Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/92380570923?](https://zoom.us/j/92380570923?pwd=djdnTTIDcVAzUmM5RUZHbU5ONklZz09)

[pwd=djdnTTIDcVAzUmM5RUZHbU5ONklZz09](https://zoom.us/j/92380570923?pwd=djdnTTIDcVAzUmM5RUZHbU5ONklZz09)

Meeting ID: 923 8057 0923

Passcode: Z5Pnhg

Saturday 6th at 10.00am The Prayer Breakfast

To Join Zoom Meeting

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[pwd=aEMrOXhvUWdzb24rL0dNSmJNz2FBUT09](https://zoom.us/j/98973532316?pwd=aEMrOXhvUWdzb24rL0dNSmJNz2FBUT09)

Meeting ID: 989 7353 2316

Passcode: 28fEvx

Induction of our New Minister

Tuesday 9th The Rev. Vint will be Inducted into his new Charge as minister to Mauchline and Sorn churches at 7pm. The service will take place via Zoom,.

April

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