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MESSAGE FROM THE MANSE

September, 2017.

Dear Friends,

The Link is slightly later in being issued this time. I held it back so that I had the opportunity to thank everyone who contributed towards the gift you gave me to mark the 25th Anniversary of my Ordination to ministry. You were incredibly generous in raising £815 and I look forward very much to getting my new robes which will definitely last me for the remainder of my ministry!

Twenty-five years is quite a milestone. It was humbling to look back over my ministry as Bert, Robert, Lindsay and Ian recounted their memories of my time working in Rothesay, Drumchapel, Yorkhill and the Queen Mother's and of course, Lochgilphead, respectively. To have photos flash up on the screen of sponsored walks, of the Children's Garden of Remembrance, of Church meals, of baptisms and weddings, of days out and holidays with friends, of family events and even of a friend's birthday party when I was three and a half was entertaining to say the least. The effort that went into drawing all that together was so much appreciated.

Much of what a minister does is unquantifiable. Listening to our different speakers made me realise that a minister never knows the impact that he or she has on the lives of others but to listen to how much appreciated my ministry has been by many in so many different situations was quite humbling.

It was also reassuring to know that the call I received to ministry about 33 years ago has borne fruit, thanks to God who has blessed what I have tried to do in His Name. That sounds very grand but, at the end of the day, ministry is all about God, about sharing God's love, His message of life and of salvation and about the hope and peace He offers us through faith in His Son, Christ Jesus. It was to that I was called and ordained all those years ago.

On my journey, I have met so many people who have been keen to serve our God with me. It is only because of those people that so much has been accomplished in God's Name. I can have all the ideas I want but if no one on the ground is willing to run with them, there is a limited amount I can do on my own. I have been blessed with good support throughout my ministry as together we have served the God who not only called me into His service, but also called you.

Many of you marked the Anniversary of my Ordination with me and I want to thank you. I want to thank those who organised a wonderful meal, beautiful flowers, excellent speakers, invitations, entertainment, everything from hingin' oot a windae in Glesga to a song that was put together recounting my ministry and excellent fiddle music which linked past memories with the present. I want to thank those of you who gave me personal gifts and cards as well as those who contributed to my robes. Your kindness and generosity was overwhelming. Grateful thanks also goes to Catriona Hood for so ably conducting worship and making it so personal and so meaningful and finally, to those of you who came along and celebrated with me on the day, it wouldn't have been the same without you. Thank you.

God Bless

Hilda C. Smith

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A REMINDER

Please send any contributions for the November/December Link to Roberta Bowen
by **Friday 20 October**

An Invitation to the

HARVEST Lunch

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST

After the Church Service

THE GUILD



THEME: - BE BOLD, BE STRONG

10 October 7.30pm
Bible Study
Hilda Smith

24 October *Crossreach*
Pete Cuthbertson
(afternoon meeting)

MIDWEEK
PRAY . PRAISE REFUEL



Are you searching for the meaning of life?
Do you wonder where Christianity fits in your life?
Would you like to worship in a less formal way?
Or are you just unable to get to Church on a Sunday?

The Monthly Midweek Reflection could be for you.

Once a month, at 1.00pm for 15 - 20 minutes...

A time of calm in the midst of a busy week
Midweek Reflection is a relaxed, informal 'mini' service lasting no more than 20 minutes, which offers a time for reflection, song and prayer.

Wednesday 27 September,

Wednesday 25 October

In Lochgilphead Parish Church



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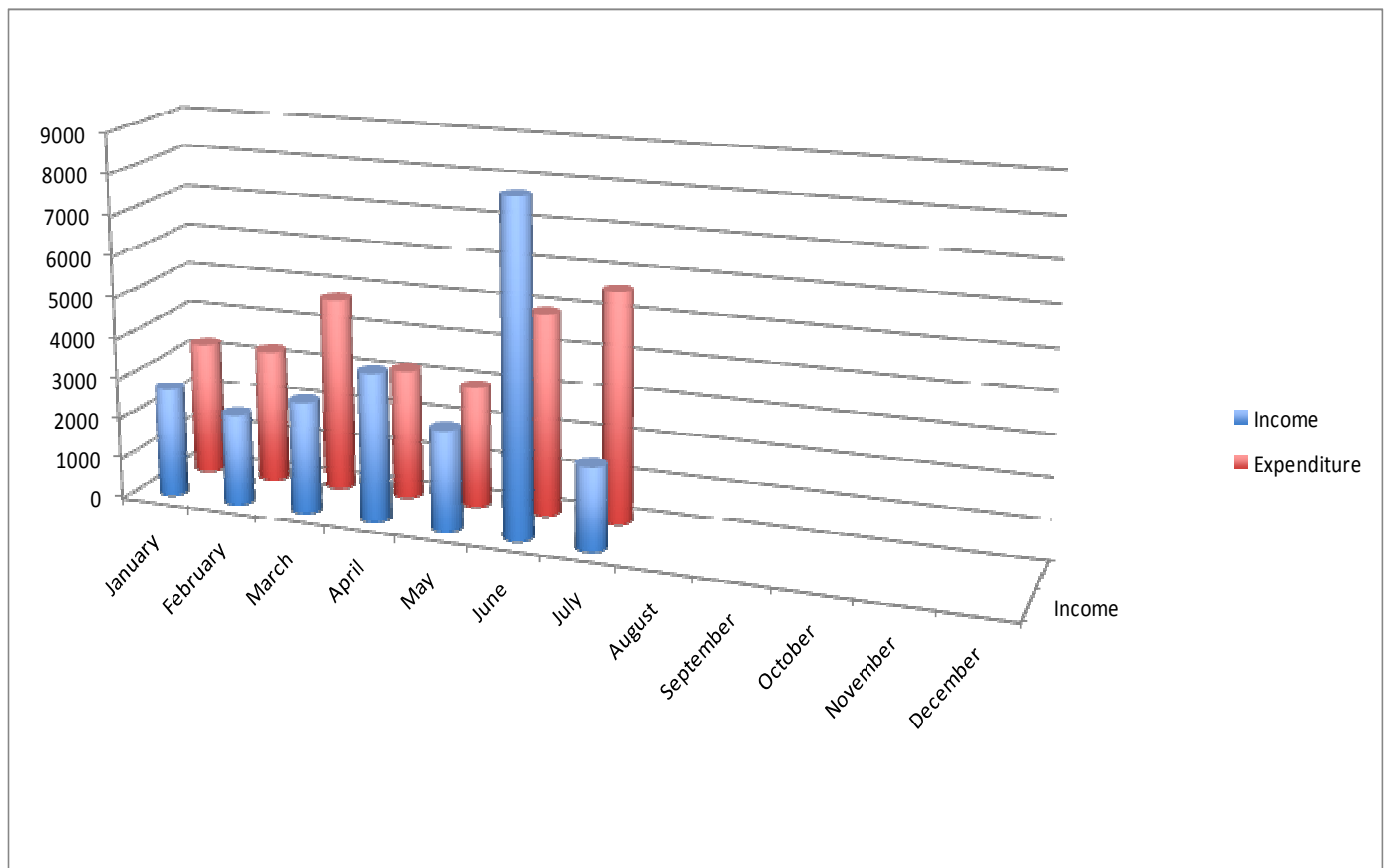
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Finance Graph January-July 2017



The last two months have shown large fluctuations between our income and expenditure as shown, but there is little change in our deficit to date, which stands at £4,154, an increase from the previous period of £410.

CHURCH MUGS

**Jolomo Church Mugs are on sale
at a cost of £14.00 each.**

They are Dunoon mugs, made of fine porcelain, printed with a view of the front green on one side and of the church on the other.

These views are taken from two paintings, one of which is hanging in the church, painted for us by the artist John Morrison (Jolomo).



QUARTERLY RETIRAL OFFERINGS FOR THE FABRIC FUND

These will take place on the last Sunday of August, November, February and May to help with essential ongoing maintenance of the church buildings.



MOVIE MOMENTS

Nick and Carol Pollard from EthosMedia.org share thought-provoking reflections on the latest films.

Communal heroism

Christopher Nolan, the writer and director of *Dunkirk* describes the true event on which it is based as 'one of the greatest stories in human history'. Brilliantly bucking the trend of recent war films he does not resort to gore and special effects, as he provides an immersive experience that enables the viewer to empathise with the young soldiers in their apparently hopeless situation, trapped between the sea and the advancing German army.

By cleverly moving around the timeline, we experience the different perspectives on land, sea and air. Particularly powerful is the interplay between two characters on one of the small boats heading to Dunkirk. Cillian Murphy plays a shell-shocked soldier picked up from a torpedoed ship, on the outward journey, and desperate not to be taken back towards the beach. Previously having starring roles in Nolan films (*Inception*,



The Dark Knight) here Murphy is credited only as 'Shivering Soldier', a nameless character representing the 338,000 beaten and demoralised men who were rescued. Also in the boat is the 17-year-old George (played by Barry Keoghan) who is the only character whose back-story is revealed, when he says he has never achieved anything but wants to do something valuable with his life. George's only skills appear to be making tea and carrying life-jackets, thus providing a poignant representation of the many ordinary people who joined together to make the Dunkirk evacuation possible.

Nolan says: 'as a group of people we can achieve so much more than we can individually', an important message for all of us. At that crucial time in history, King George VI called the nation to pray. As we pray for our nation today, perhaps God will open our eyes to see how we can each use our limited skills and resources for the common good.



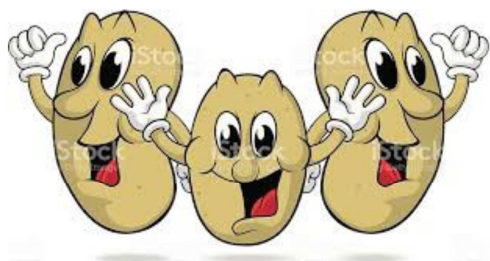
ETHOS MEDIA.org

EthosMedia.org provides free resources to help people explore spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues through the latest feature films.

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LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Tatties Galore



SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH

11.30am - 2.00pm

Come along and have a tasty

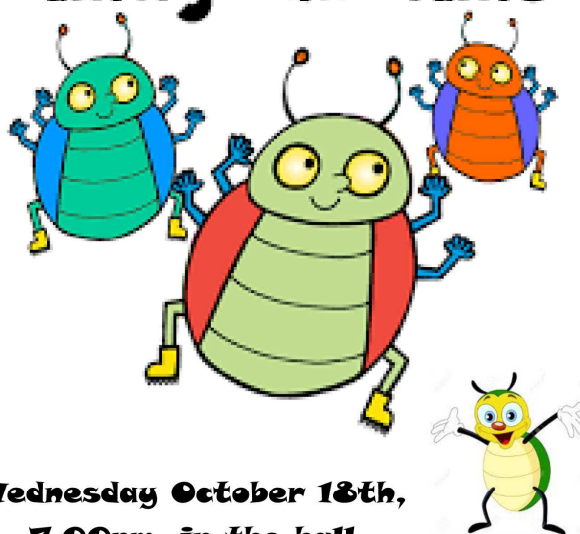
"Tattie Lunch"

Choose from Soup, Baked Potatoes, Pies, Stovies, followed by Tea/Coffee.

Donations of Raffle Prizes and Home Baking for the Sales Table and the Kitchen welcome

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Beetle Drive Family Fun Game



Wednesday October 18th,

7.00pm, in the hall

Come along and join in the fun

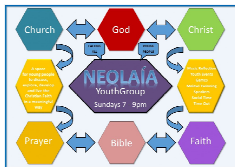
No entry charge - donations only



**LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
COFFEE MORNING
10.00am-12 noon
in the hall
Saturday 30 September**

**Organised by
Ruth Morrison**

Offers of help, donations of home baking and raffle prizes will be most appreciated.



NEOLAIA YOUTH GROUP

Neolaia" is the Greek word for youth and the group is open to all young people within the secondary school age range, with or without an existing or previous church connection.

Held every Sunday night from 7-9 pm at Ardmore, 4 Kilmory Road, Lochgilphead, PA31 8SZ and led by Fiona Cameron, Youth Leader (07399413654) and the Rev Hilda Smith (01546 602238).



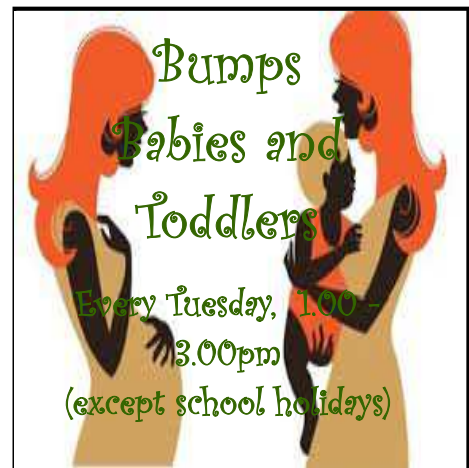
**DATE OF NEXT MEETING
September 28th**

In the hall

FUN, FOOD AND WORSHIP

Exciting Crafts, Stories, Songs & Activities

**Why not come along and give it a try.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.
DON'T MISS IT!**



LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday September 30th

10am -12 noon

**Home Baking,
Sales Table
Raffles**

**Donations for
the Sales Table
and Raffle
gratefully
accepted**



PROCEEDS FOR CHURCH FUNDS



Let's get Knitting!

We meet fortnightly in various venues to knit, chat, laugh, learn new techniques and partake of a light supper.

New members, both experienced and beginners are welcome to come along and join us.

For more information contact Margaret on 01546 603784.



**Drop In Café
Every
Wednesday
10.00am to
3.30pm**

We really need some more volunteers to help in the cafe for a couple of hours once or twice a month.

Crossword



Sign on a church door:

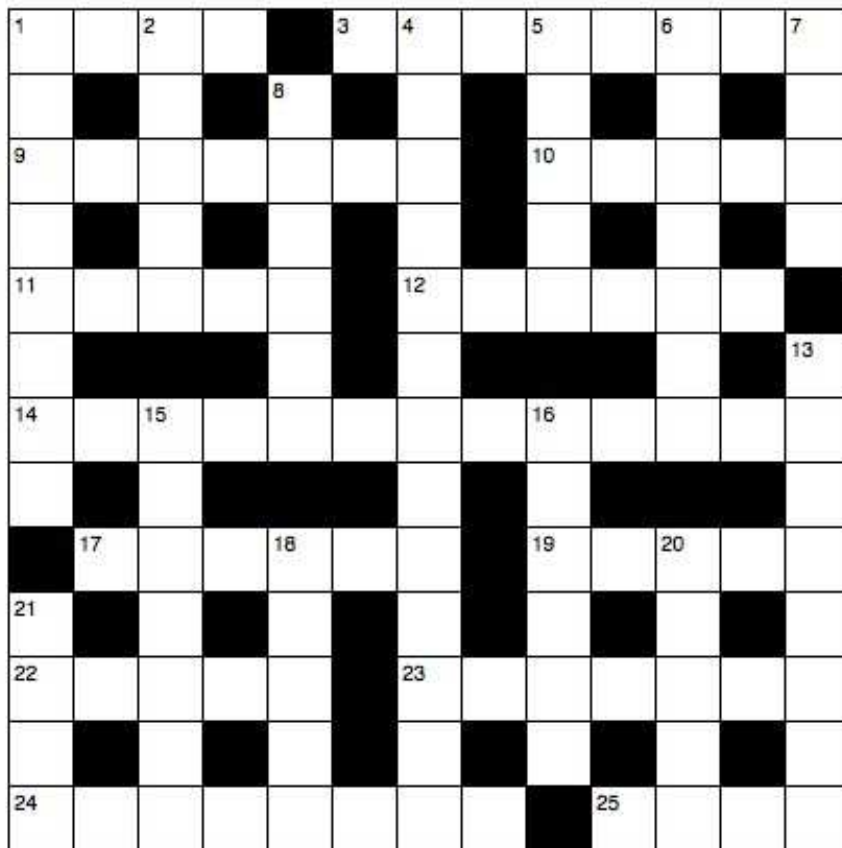
This is the gate of heaven. Enter ye all by this door.

(This door is kept locked because of the draught. Please use side door.)

Which old bore?

A tired minister was at home resting, and through the window he saw a woman from his church approaching his door. She was one of those too-talkative people, and he was not anxious to talk with her. He said to his wife, 'I'll just duck upstairs and wait until she goes away.' An hour passed, then he tiptoed to the stair landing and listened ... not a sound. He was very pleased, so he started down calling loudly to his wife, 'Well, my dear, did you get rid of that old bore at last?'

The next moment he heard the voice of the same woman caller, and she couldn't possibly have missed hearing him. Two steps down, he saw them both staring up at him. It seemed truly a crisis moment. Then quick-thinking minister's wife answered, 'Yes, dear, she went away over an hour ago. But such good news - now Mrs. Jones has come to call!'



Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)
- 12 'Come quickly to — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
- 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
- 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
- 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
- 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
- 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
- 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
- 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
- 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
- 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
- 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
- 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)
- 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
- 20 Episcopal headwear (5)
- 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

Kids Corner

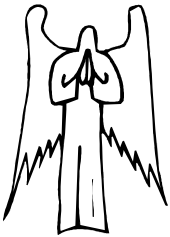


September 29

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

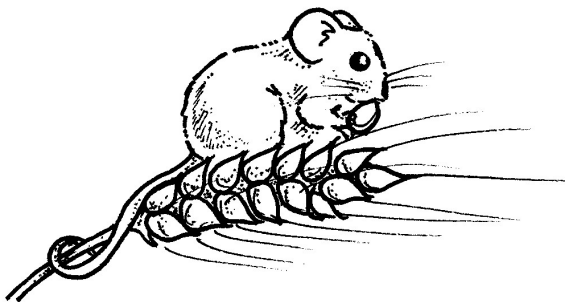
In the Bible, angels are messengers from God. The word 'angel' comes from the Greek word for a messenger and it appears hundreds of times in the Bible. But the only angels whose names we know are Michael, Gabriel and Raphael who are archangels, captains among the angels. Each of these three has a different task: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.

In the New Testament, in the book of Revelation, Michael leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil and in the Old Testament he is in the book of Daniel, defending Israel against its enemies.



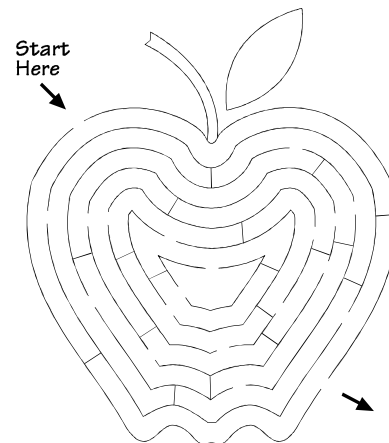
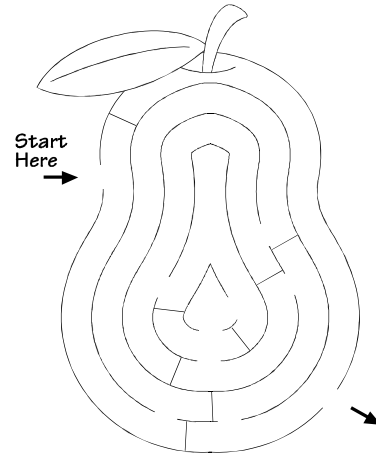
Gabriel is best known for his appearing to a young Jewish girl named Mary to tell her that she will give birth to Jesus.

Raphael is in the Old Testament story of Tobit where he guides Tobit's son Tobiah.



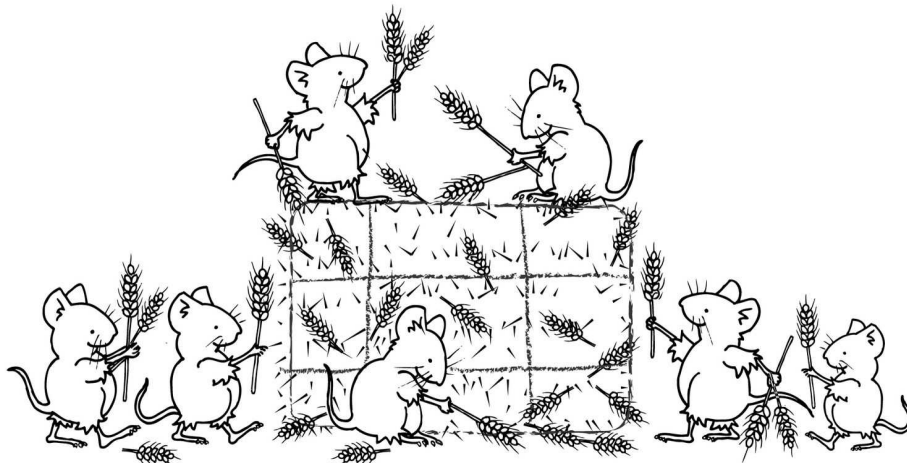
HARVESTPUZZLE

Can you find your way through these 2 fruit mazes?



What kind of nuts sneeze the most?
Cashews.

What's a vampire's favourite fruit?
Nectarine.



Rotas for September/October 2017

| | Door Duty | Prayers | Flowers (Contact - E Armstrong) | Readers | Tea/Coffee Duty (Contact - M. Davidson) |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Sept 3rd | C Gilmour & A Hunter | M Davidson | Jenny MacAulay | M Davidson | S Stankey & M Jacobsen |
| 10th | M MacFadyen & E Munro | May Taylor | Jessie Cranston | M MacFadyen | J MacAuley & I MacMillan |
| 17th | S Stankey & I MacArthur | Ian Davidson | May Taylor | I MacArthur | S & M MacFadyen |
| 24th | Ian & Margaret Davidson | Sandy Taylor | Margaret Davidson | Fiona Elder | I MacArthur & E Munro |
| Oct 1st | F Fleming & S Morrison | F Cameron | Edna Armstrong | TBA | M & I Davidson |
| 8th | Niall & Phyllis Cameron | Jim Morrison | Margie Killeen | May Taylor | R & D Bowen |
| 15th | J Kirk & K Thompson | May Taylor | May Taylor | K Thompson | F Cameron |
| 22nd | David & Roberta Bowen | M Davidson | Roberta Bowen | M MacDonald | R & J Morrison |
| 29th | M MacDonald & TBA | Sandy Taylor | Sally Stankey | F Cameron | P MacGuire & K Thompson |
| Nov 5th | M Jacobsen & I McMillan | M Jacobsen | TBC | M Jacobsen | M & S Taylor |

If you are unable to carry out any of these duties please arrange a replacement.

Services (all at 11.00am except where stated)

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| September 3rd | Rev. Hilda Smith |
| 10th | Rev. Hilda Smith |
| 17th | Dr John Morrison |
| 24th | Dr John Morrison |
| October 1st | Rev Hilda Smith (Harvest Service) |
| 8th | Rev Hilda Smith |
| 15th | Rev. Hilda Smith |
| 22nd | Rev. Hilda Smith |
| 29th | Rev Hilda Smith |
| November 5th | Rev Hilda Smith (Communion) |

Other Events

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| Every Tuesday (except school holidays) | Bumps, Babies and Toddlers 1.00 - 3.00pm |
| Every Wednesday | Drop in Cafe, 10.00am - 3.30pm |
| September 6th & 20th October 4th & 18th | Knit and Natter Group, 7.30pm |
| September 28th | Messy Church, 4.00pm—6.00pm |
| October 1st | Harvest Thanksgiving followed by Harvest Lunch |
| September 30th October 18th October 28th | Coffee Morning Beetle Drive Tatties Galore |
| October 10th & 24th | Guild Meetings |
| September 27th October 25th | Midweek Reflection |

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Also, 3, Offering, 9, The Magi, 10, Rules, 11, Soper, 12, Help me, 14, Isaac and Jacob, 17, Scorch, 19, In man, 22, Loads, 23, Inertia, 24, Vicinity, 25, Belt.
DOWN: 1, Artistic, 2, Sleep, 4, Faith in Christ, 5, Enrol, 6, Islamic, 7, Gasp, 8, Fabric, 13, Abundant, 15, Archaic, 16, Jailor, 18, Resin, 20, Mitre, 21, Slave.

..... and for your diary

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| November 14th & 28th December 5th & 12th January 9th & 23 February 13th & 27th March 13th & 27th | Guild Meetings |
| November 25th December 10th | Coffee Morning Christmas Lunch |

Who's Who in LPC

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|---------------------------|--|--|
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| Roll Keeper | Frances Fleming | 01546 602270 |
| Fabric Convenor | Ian Davidson | 01546 603784 |
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