



MESSAGE FROM THE MANSE

July 2018

Dear Friends,

By the time this Link reaches you, the school holidays will have begun and everyone, staff and pupils alike, will be enjoying a well earned rest. Before term ends, though, a lot of thought goes into what will be happening in the new session. Timetables are planned. Classes are allocated and preparations begin.

But what about in Church? We had a Local Church Review recently which was facilitated by members of Argyll Presbytery. They met with me and then with the Kirk Session to look at what is happening in our congregation and to see if there are any concerns around.

As part of that review, the Kirk Session has to come up with a five year plan for our congregation. We have to consider what our priorities might be and indeed how we will meet our goals.

This left me wondering how you would like to see our Church develop over the next five years. I ask this not just of those of you who are actively involved in the congregation but of those of you who perhaps feel that traditional patterns of worship no longer meet your needs, be that the time of worship or the kind of the worship that we offer week by week.

That is not to say that traditional worship will change necessarily but maybe you would be open to exploring faith in a new way at a time that suits you. I don't have the answers as to how we would do that or to how we could move forward but if you have any thoughts on this, I'd be really pleased if you would email me on [HSmith@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:HSmith@churchofscotland.org.uk) so that we can perhaps begin a conversation on where we go from here because at the end of the day what matters most is not our traditions but our relationship with God and with each other.

There has been a great deal of talk about Path of Renewal in Church and at meetings. Sermons have been preached on it. Articles have been written about it in the Link but there still seems to be some confusion around about what it is. In short, it is about our relationship with God and with each other. It is about how we share our faith story with others in new ways and you will know better than me what those new ways may be. Speak to me and help us to move forward and to deepen our relationship with God and with each other as we move into a new session.

God calls us to walk with Him in faith and to trust Him on the journey. One thing we learn quickly in Argyll is that we never know how our journey will go. I do not know where Path of Renewal will lead us because we are moving into new territory but I look forward to journeying with you wherever God may lead us.

What I do know is that God will bless us and that God will walk with us wherever we go. Let's trust Him as we move, in part, away from our traditions into something new and exciting.

God Bless you.

Hilda C. Smith

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A REMINDER

Please send any contributions for the September/October Link to  
Roberta Bowen  
by **Monday 20th August**

Meryl Streep

Tom Hanks

# The Post

A STEVEN SPIELBERG FILM

**MOVIE  
MOMENTS**

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

## The Right Risk?

Is a risk-taker a hero or a fool? For many, it simply depends upon whether the risk paid-off. Steven Spielberg's film *The Post* could perhaps cause us to reconsider that assumption.

Set in the time of Richard Nixon's presidency of the USA, the story begins with the military analyst, Daniel Ellsberg, so disgusted by the government's deception about the under-resourcing of soldiers in the Vietnam war that he copies top-secret documents - the Pentagon Papers. Eventually these pass to the editor of the Washington Post, Ben Bradlee (Tom Hanks), who asks the paper's owner, Kay Graham (Meryl Streep), to approve their publication, despite a restraining order that could get her indicted for contempt of court. In nail-biting scenes, as the print room waits, she must decide whether to take the risk of fighting for freedom of the press.

Kay has much to lose; not only for herself but also for all women, because many doubt a woman can run a newspaper. If she takes the risk and it pays off she could be a hero, but if it doesn't then she would be the fool who damaged the advancement of women in the workplace. The fundamental question is whether a decision to take a risk should be calculated on the odds of success, or on a point of principle.



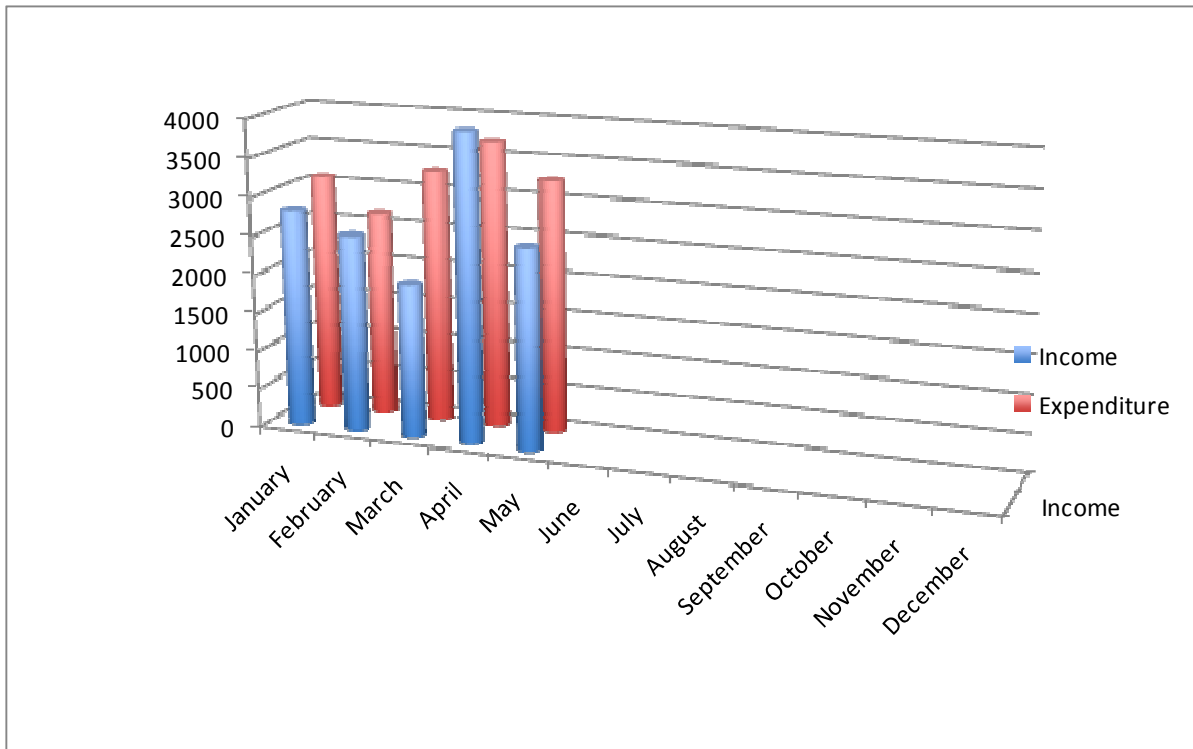
Spielberg builds the tension brilliantly. And with a device reminiscent of the red-coated girl in his award-winning *Schindler's List*, this film has its own little girl, Bradlee's daughter, starting her life as an entrepreneur. Perhaps, the value of risk-taking should not be assessed by looking back at consequences, but by looking forward into the type of world we can build together if we remain true to our strongly held beliefs.

**ETHOS  
MEDIA.org**

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



## FINANCE REPORT



You will see from the graph that there is little change in LPC's financial situation month by month. Occasionally our income exceeds our expenditure in a month, but it usually reverts to the normal loss. However, I am pleased to tell you that Edna, our Gift Aid Convener has advised me of our first payment claimed this year from HMRC of £3,092 and this will be reflected in next month's figures. This is a vital addition to our finances each year without which it would be difficult to continue as we are and this shows how important the contribution is, from all those able to give through Gift Aid.

As always, the Session appreciates the support given to LPC by the congregation in these difficult financial times. Thank you all.

Mary MacDonald  
Treasurer

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**Sudoku - medium**

Answers on page 4

**God in the Arts Editor:**

For 2018, the Rev Michael Burgess is exploring symbols of the Christian faith as found in works of art.

‘He gave us eyes to see them’: Ludolph Bakhuizen’s ‘Christ in the storm on the sea of Galilee’

When we enter a church and sit in a pew, we can look up and see the roof of the nave: a reminder that the church is a ship sailing through the ocean of life.

Boats and ships abound in scripture from Noah’s ark and the psalmist singing of seafarers to the New Testament with Jesus calling fishermen from their boats and Paul shipwrecked off the coast of Malta. The ship, like the anchor, is a powerful nautical symbol of the Christian journey.

We all know how the sea can be calm and serene one moment, but stormy and tempestuous the next.

This month’s painting captures the terror of that primal element: ‘Christ in the storm on the sea of Galilee’ by Ludolph Bakhuizen. He was a leading Dutch painter of maritime subjects in the 17<sup>th</sup> century with powerful studies of the drama of sea battles and whaling scenes.

Here in this painting of 1695 a boat carrying the anxious disciples is trying to make its way through an angry sea. The waves are high, rain and dark clouds threaten overhead, and the wind is tearing the rigging. Storms like that quickly sprang up on the sea of Galilee. But Jesus is there among the disciples, ready to allay their fear and ready to tame the elements around. We can see the rays of sunlight on the left of the canvas that will soon break through to bring peace again beneath a blue sky.

And we on land sitting in that pew can think of those times when life is stormy and the way ahead unsure. We can take heart from the assurance that Jesus is our captain on the voyage, the sails of our ship are hoisted on the mast of His cross, and the destination is certain. Just as Jesus protected His followers then, we pray that He will be with us on our journeys through calm waters and storms, so that we can raise ‘glad hymns of praise from land and sea.’



**Sudoku - Answer**

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7	5	1	2	4	9	6	8	3
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4	3	8	1	7	6	2	9	5
2	1	4	9	3	5	7	6	8
8	7	5	6	2	4	1	3	9
3	9	6	7	8	1	5	2	4

**WHAT’S BEHIND YOUR GARDEN GATE?**

Well, here’s what’s behind Margaret and Ian Davidson’s gate! - A garden full of bloom on a sunny afternoon when £350 was raised for Lochgilphead Parish Church.

A huge ‘thank you’ to them both for being brave enough to show us what lies behind their gate and for all of you who came to support them.

**Whose gate shall we see behind next? .....**





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.

The café is very busy at lunchtimes and extra hands would be much appreciated.

## THE GUILD



Coffee Morning

Saturday July 14th

10.00am - 12 noon

in

Lochgilphead Church Hall

*Donations of baking and raffle prizes would be very much appreciated.*



## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

August 30th  
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 MORNINGS

10.00am-12 noon  
in the hall

*Saturday 25th August  
Saturday 29th September*

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



## Let's get Knitting!

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

Meeting on August 8th and 22nd  
at 7.30pm  
(Venue tbc)

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

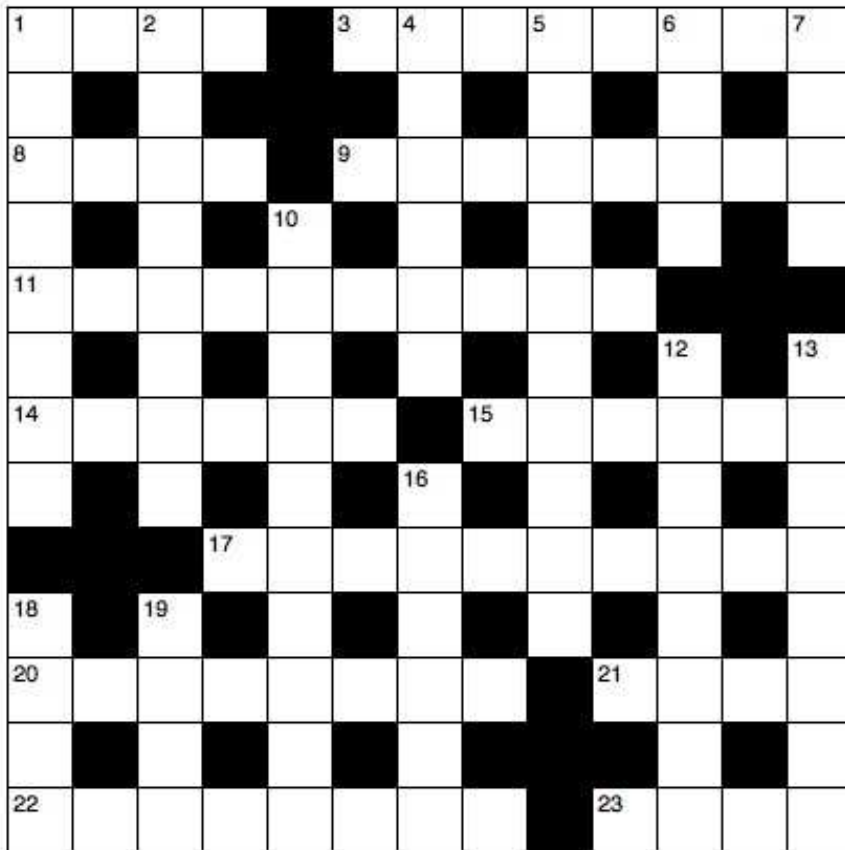
For more information contact Margaret on 01546 603784.

## WORLD MISSION STAMP APPEAL

In aid of  
Church of South India's Othara  
Eco-spirituality Centre

*Please save your old stamps and put them in the box in the church hall*

# Crossword



## Inner peace

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without wine,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

.....then you are probably the family dog.

12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)

13 Forebear (James 2:21) (8)

16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha (6)

18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis 25:34) (4)

19 Rear (anag.) (4)

## ACROSS

1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)

3 'Shall we go up again — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)

8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)

9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my —' (Luke 14:27) (8)

11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31) (10)

14 In Cain (anag.) (6)

15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to —' (Psalm 139:6) (6)

17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5) (10)

20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church (8)

21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)

22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in —' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)

23 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

## DOWN

1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)

2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)

4 'We three kings of — are' (6)

5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)

6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)

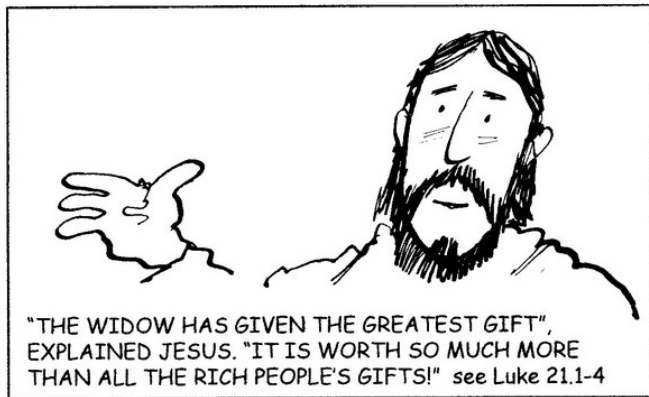
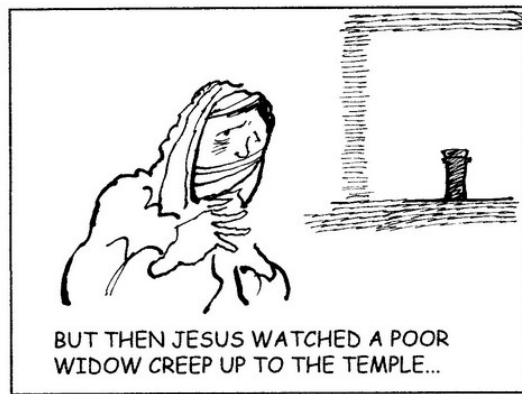
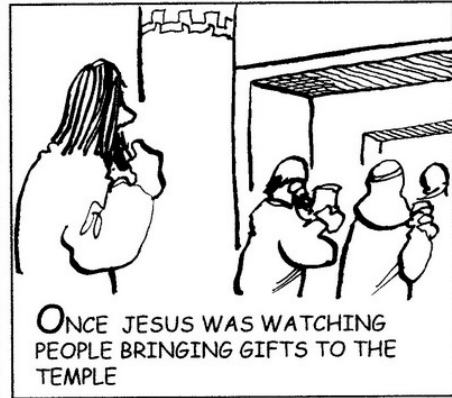
7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)

10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John 10:22) (10)

# Kids Corner



## The Widow's little coins



# Rotas for July/August 2018

	Door Duty	Prayers	Flowers	Readers	Tea/Coffee Duty
			(Contact - E Armstrong)		(Contact - M. Davidson)
July 1st	J & R Morrison	M Davidson	tbc	J Morrison	M & I Davidson
8th	M & S Taylor	M Jacobsen	tbc	M Taylor	R & D Bowen
15th	C Gilmour & A Hunter	M Taylor	M MacConnell	I MacArthur	C Ferguson & M Davidson
22nd	M MacFadyen & E Munro	S Taylor	tbc	M MacFadyen	J & R Morrison
29th	S Stankey & I MacArthur	J Morrison	tbc	S Stankey	M & S Taylor
Aug 5th	M & I Davidson	I Davidson	T Cameron	M Davidson	J & A Barclay
12th	F Fleming & S Morrison	M Davidson	M Davidson	I Davidson	M Davidson & K Thompson
19th	P & N Cameron	M Jacobsen	M Taylor	F Cameron	S Morrison & T Cameron
26th	K Thompson & T Cameron	M Taylor	tbc	K Thompson	F Elder & L Mochrie
Sept 2nd	R & D Bowen	S Taylor	tbc	R Bowen	A Person & E MacCallum

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

## Services (all at 11.00am except where stated)

July 1st	Rev. Hilda Smith
8th	Rev. Hilda Smith
15th ( <i>Baptismal Service</i> )	Rev Hilda Smith
22nd	Rev Hilda Smith
29th	TBC
August 5th	Dr John Morrison
12th	Dr John Morrison
19th	TBC
26th	Rev Hilda Smith
September 2nd	Rev Hilda Smith

## Other Events

Saturday July 14th	The Guild Coffee Morning
Every Wednesday	Drop in Cafe, 10.00am - 3.30pm
August 8th, 22nd	Knit and Natter Group, 7.30pm
August 30th	Messy Church, 4.00pm-6.00pm
August 25th	Coffee Morning

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Wife, 3, To battle, 8, Obal, 9, Disciple, 11, Bitter-ness, 14, Niacin, 15, Attain, 17, Passionate, 20, Tertiary, 21, Meet, 22, Weakness, 23, Deer.  
 DOWN: 1, Woodbine, 2, Feast day, 4, Orient, 5, Accusation, 6, Type, 7, Eyes, 10, Dedication, 12, Gadarene, 13, Ancestor, 16, Esdras, 18, Stew, 19, Area.

## ..... and for your diary

September 29th	Coffee Morning
September 27th	Messy Church

### Some spiritual observations:

'I am sorry' and 'I forgive you' are the hardest things a human being can ever say – but also, the most liberating. When the wars and scandals are over, those words can rebuild nations. *Tim Stanley*

The web of our life is of a mingled yarn, good and ill together. *Shakespeare*

The will of God is the measure of things.

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