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## MESSAGE FROM THE MANSE

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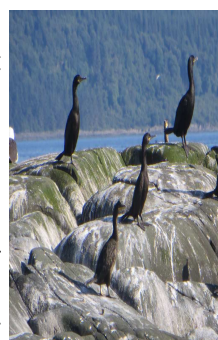
Dear Friends,



For the beauty of the earth....Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of venturing west in a boat with Sandy who runs Venture West from CrinanHarbour. What an experience! If you get the chance to do that trip, don't hesitate.

We saw nature at its best. The sun was shining. The sea was calm and the Corryvreckan put on a spectacular show. We saw the power of the tides and wildlife at its best, free to bask in the evening sunshine. There were cormorants and seagulls, deer,



seals and sea eagles, all at one with nature and we were only passing through their habitat.

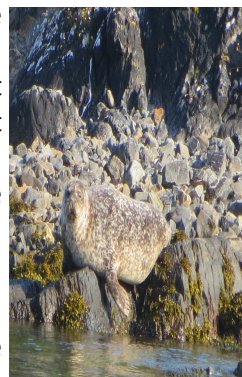
Praise God for the beauty of the world we have around us which is so good for our souls.

But what a responsibility God has given us. We need to protect what we enjoy. We need to think about our use of plastics and of what we do with our waste. Can we reduce our waste and help protect our environment



and the places wildlife flourishes? Can we not get glass bottles of milk, like we used to do, rather than plastic cartons? Think how much plastic waste we generate from those alone.

I was clearing out my wee room (otherwise known as the dump!) while I was on holiday and I realised that I could set up a stall selling reusable bags (the canvas ones) that are sold by supermarkets, because I always forget to take them with me when I am away and so buy another one! I don't want plastic bags but I also have a glut of them. We could all do so much more to protect our wildlife and ultimately our planet.



Before the nights draw in and the light fades, let's enjoy what we have around us and let's all think about what we can do to protect it.

Best wishes,  
Hilda C. Smith

### A REMINDER

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

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## PROPERTY MATTERS

As with all congregations in the Church of Scotland, we have obligations to meet with regard to the up-keep of the properties. These obligations can be onerous when dealing with old buildings and particularly when dealing with Listed buildings. In our case, we are faced with both of these, a Church building which is over 130 years old and one which is "B" Listed.

Most of you will have seen the evidence of some of the problems we are facing in the building, the flaking paintwork, the dampness stains, the spalling stonework, all of which are primarily due to rainwater penetration, emanating from leaking lead flashings, faulty roof coverings and deficient pointing of the external walls.

The Kirk Session commissioned a condition survey and agreed that we should proceed to obtain tenders for these essential repair works. The tender documents have now been issued to contractors for pricing. However, it is unlikely that there will be sufficient funds in the Church accounts to meet the cost, so we will have to look at other sources. We are making applications to grant funders and would hope that some of these applications are successful but we, the congregation, will need to raise more funds ourselves.

In addition to these problems and looking a bit further in to the future, our exceptional stained glass windows in the chancel area, which are considered by specialists as being of superlative quality, are deteriorating and will need to be totally renovated. Although the costs for this work has not yet been established there is no doubt that they will be substantial - well in to five figures. How will we be able to fund this work?

Our main sources of funds at the moment is the weekly café but there must be other possibilities. People were very generous and resourceful when we had to raise funds to renovate the hall and we need to think along the same lines again.

So have you any ideas?

Maybe you have experience of raising funds for another organisation. Maybe you have heard of another Church's successful fundraising scheme. Whatever is the case, if you feel you can help in any way, please get in touch, in the first instance, with Ian Davidson, our Property Convenor.

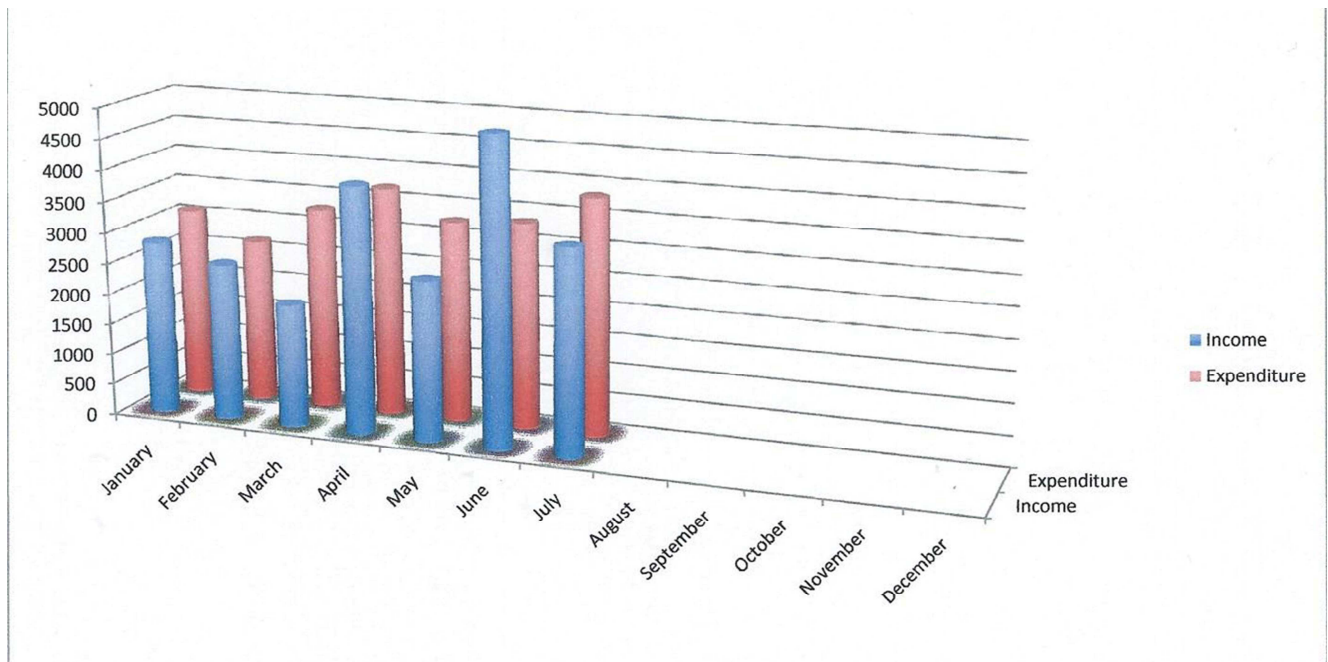
### CHURCH MUGS

**A reminder that these are on sale at a cost of £14.00 per mug.**

**If you haven't already bought yours, remember to buy one before they run out!**



## Income v. Expenditure Finance Graph as at 31st July 2018



## 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' –Church of the Multiplication at Tabgha

All the saints have their special symbols. When we see a saint in a window or painting carrying loaves of bread, we know it is St Philip. It was Philip who wondered how the multitude gathered around Jesus could be fed in John 6. Our Lord met their hunger with just five loaves and two fish.

Bread has always been a staple food in the Holy Land, and in July the media reported that the oldest bread had been found in the remains of a Jordanian fire 14,000 years ago. Today all kinds of bread are sold in our bakeries and supermarkets. Each country has its own way of producing bread, but at heart it is the same procedure combining the four ancient elements of life: earth, air, water and fire - earth producing the grain for flour, air to transform the dough, water added to the mix, and fire to bake the bread.

Bishop Geoffrey Rowell tells the story of sharing a picnic with some Lebanese Christians. Fragments of the bread were scattered on the ground, and he idly cracked them with his feet. The reaction was immediate. 'Don't do that' one said. 'It is bread. It is life.' John tells us in chapter 6 how bread is a sign of life for the people, and a sign that points to Jesus whose life is generously shared with others.

A church was built on the site of that miracle at Tabgha by the north-west shore of the Sea of Galilee. It is called the Church of the Multiplication. On the floor in front of the altar is a 5<sup>th</sup> century mosaic depicting the loaves and fish – beautiful and immediate in its simplicity.



We enter our own churches and see bread offered on the altar at every eucharist, and rejoice that Jesus is our host as He was by the Sea of Galilee. He comes to us with the same invitations: 'Take and eat. See and believe.' He offers us the bread of life. But more than that: He offers us the bread of eternal life.



## THE GUILD



### COFFEE MORNING

A big thank you to everyone who helped at the coffee morning in July.

We raised £592.19—a wonderful total.

The butcher's voucher was won by  
Nora McArthur

## LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

### OPEN GARDENS

Margaret Davidson and Jenny Campbell opened their gardens for an afternoon over the summer period to raise funds for the work that requires to be done in the Church in the up and coming months.

Both were very successful afternoons raising

**£665.00**

The handmade felt picture made by Cathleen MacDonald from Woolly Bobbins was raffled by Lucky Squares and has been won by Avril Stewart.

Many thanks to all who helped or who came along and gave their support. This was a very pleasant and relaxing way to fundraise and we hope that more people will consider opening their garden next summer.



## SUDOKU

Level: Moderate

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## THE GUILD



**GUILD STRATEGY 2018-2021:**  
***One Journey, Many Roads***

**THEME FOR 2018/2019:**  
***Seeking the Way***

The Guild starts a new session for 2018/2019 on **Tuesday 9th October** with the opening meeting being Bible Study with our own minister, Rev Hilda Smith.

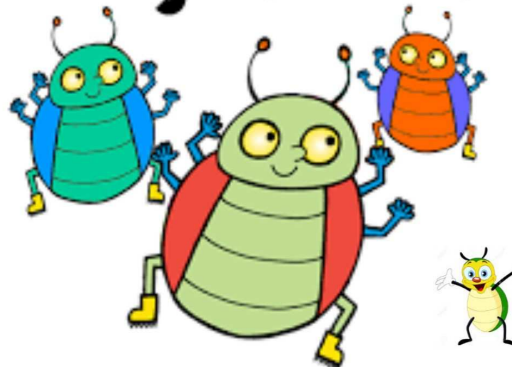
On **Tuesday 23rd October**, our guest speaker will be Matthew Ramsay from Carradale, speaking about the Fishermen's Mission, with which he has had a long association and should be very interesting.

The Guild will meet throughout the session on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday monthly at 7.30pm in the Church Hall and a warm welcome is extended to all members old and new.

See you there!

## LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

### Beetle Drive Family Fun Game



**Wednesday October 10th, 7.00pm**

**in the hall**

**Come along with an adult and**

**join in the fun**

**No entry charge - donations only**

**Raffle and Prizes**



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.



### DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

*September 27th*  
*October 25th*  
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!**



### Let's get Knitting!

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

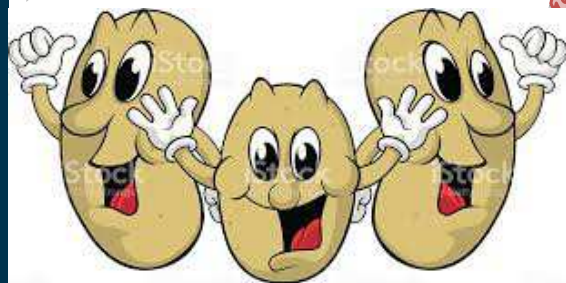
***Meeting on September 5th, 19th***  
***October 3rd, 17th, 31st***  
***at 7.30pm***  
***(Venue tbc)***

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

For more information contact Margaret on 01546 603784.

## LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH

# Tatties Galore



**SATURDAY OCTOBER 27TH**

**11.30am - 2.00pm**

**Come along and have a tasty**

**"Tattie Lunch"**

**Choose from Soup, Baked Potatoes,  
Shepherd's Pie. Meat Pies etc. fol-  
lowed by Tea/Coffee.**

**Donations of Raffle Prizes and Home Bak-  
ing for the Sales Table and the Kitchen  
welcome**

### LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS

**10.00am-12 noon  
in the hall**

***Saturday 29th September***

***Organised by Ruth Morrison***

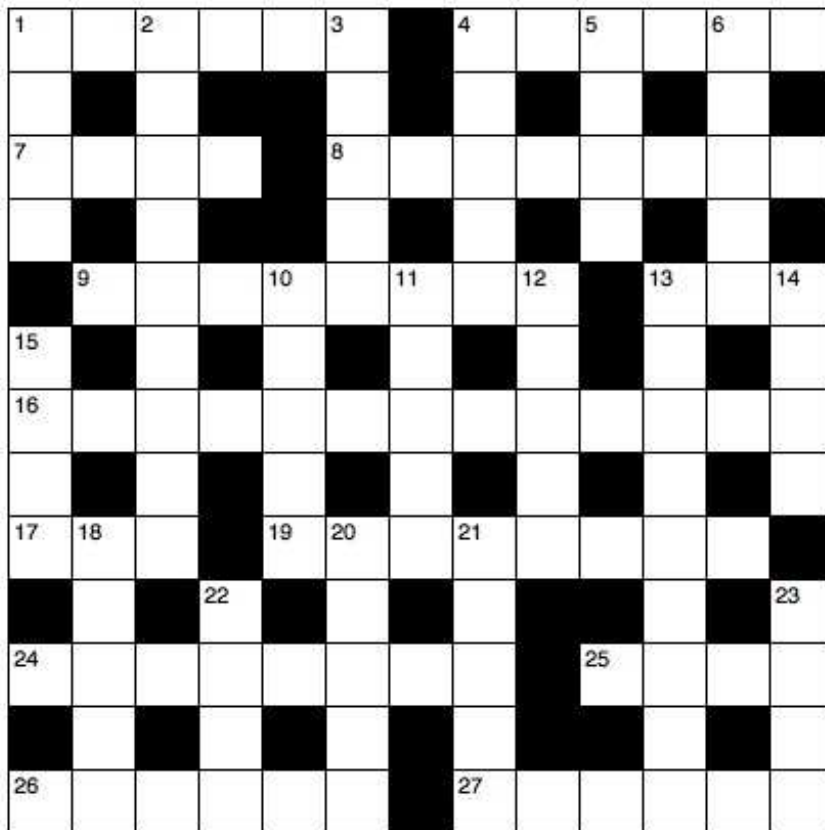
Offers of help, donations of home baking and raffle prizes will be most appreciated.

### 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



## Across

- 1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)  
 4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)  
 7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)  
 8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)  
 9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)  
 13 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)  
 16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)  
 17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)  
 19 Mock(Luke14:29)(8)  
 24 Disgrace(Psalm44:13)(8)  
 25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus13:4)(4)  
 26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome(6)  
 27 Mean (Numbers 35:23)(6)

## Down

- 1 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)  
 2 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)  
 3 O raid (anag.) (5)  
 4 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)  
 5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)  
 6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)  
 10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)  
 11 Do ten(anag.)(5)  
 12 Architectural style first



## Hear our prayer?

A five-year-old said grace at family dinner one night. 'Dear God, thank you for these pancakes...' When he concluded, his parents asked him why he thanked God for pancakes when they were eating chicken. 'I wanted to see if He was paying attention tonight.'

## Deliver us...

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter the Lord's Prayer. Then one evening at bedtime she attempted it solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer. 'Lead us not into temptation,' she prayed, 'but deliver us from e-mail. Amen.'

## Some musings on daily life

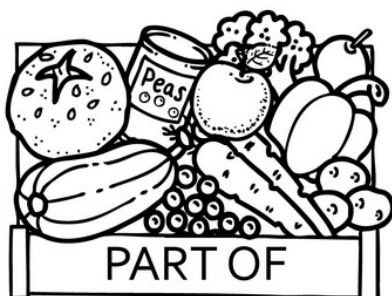
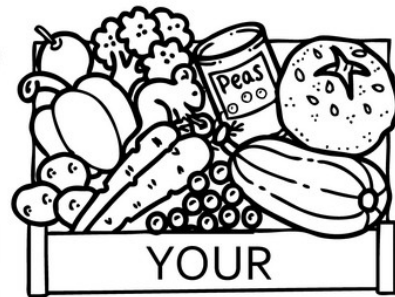
I don't do drugs or alcohol, because I find I get the same effect just standing up really fast.

The next time you feel like complaining .....remember: Your rubbish bin probably has better food in it than 30 percent of the people in this world.

- 13 Capable of being used(1Kings7:36)(9)  
 14 'Each one should — his own actions'(Galatians6:4)(4)  
 15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)  
 18 'But I am afraid that just — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)  
 20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts(5)  
 21 One of the four sons of Asher (Genesis46:17)(5)  
 22 Be distressed(Proverbs24:19)(4)  
 23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)



# Kids Corner



Can you find the mouse?  
Which two boxes have the same harvest food in them?

# Rotas for September/October 2018

	Door Duty	Prayers	Flowers	Readers	Tea/Coffee Duty
			(Contact - E Armstrong)		(Contact - M. Davidson)
<b>Sept 2nd</b>	R & D Bowen	S Taylor	J MacAulay	R Bowen	A Pearson & E MacCallum
9th	M Jacobsen & I McMillan	J Morrison	tbc	M Jacobsen	J MacAulay & I MacMillan
16th	J & R Morrison	I Davidson	tbc	R Morrison	S Stankey & M Jacobsen
23rd	S & M Taylor	M Davidson	M Davidson	S Taylor	M & S MacFadyen
30th	C Gilmour & A Hunter	M Jacobsen	A Hunter	M Taylor	I MacArthur & E Munro
<b>Oct 7th</b>	M MacFadyen & E Munro	M Taylor	E Armstrong &	M MacFadyen	I & M Davidson
14th	S Stankey & I MacArthur	S Taylor	R Morrison	I MacArthur	D & R Bowen
21st	I & M Davidson	J Morrison	J Morrison	M Davidson	M Davidson
28th	F Fleming & S Morrison	I Davidson	tbc	J Morrison	J & R Morrison
<b>Nov 4th</b>	N & P Cameron	M Davidson		M MacDonald	C Ferguson & K Thompson

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

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

<b>Sept 2nd</b>	Rev. Hilda Smith
9th	Rev. Hilda Smith
16th	tbc
23rd	Rev Hilda Smith
30th	Rev Hilda Smith
<b>Oct 7th</b>	Rev Hilda Smith
14th	Rev Hilda Smith
21st	Rev Hilda Smith
28th	Rev Hilda Smith
<b>Nov 4th</b>	Rev Hilda Smith

..... and for your diary

November 13th, 27th	The Guild
November 29th	Messy Church
November 14th	Knit & Natter
November 24th	Coffee Morning

## Other Events

October 9th, 23rd	The Guild
Every Wednesday	Drop in Cafe, 10.00am - 3.30pm
September 5th, 19th	Knit and Natter Group, 7.30pm
October 3rd, 17th, 31st	
September 27th	Messy Church, 4.00pm-6.00pm
October 25th	
September 29th	Coffee Morning
October 10th	Beetle Drive 7.00pm
October 27th	Tatties Galore 11.30am-2.00pm

Sudoku answers

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## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

**ACROSS:** 1, Labour, 4, Autumn, 7, Stay, 8, Darkness, 9, Reasoned, 13, Act, 16, Presbyterians, 17, Sat, 19, Ridicule, 24, Re-proach, 25, Abib, 26, Celtic, 27, Intend.  
**DOWN:** 1, Lose, 2, Blame, 3, Radio, 4, Agree, 5, Tend, 6, Music, 10, Sober, 11, Noted, 12, Doric, 13, Available, 14, Test, 15, Ape, 18, As Eve, 20, Isaac, 21, Ishvi, 22, Fret, 23, Ebed.

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