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## MESSAGE FROM THE MANSE

Ardmore,  
November, 2018.

Dear Friends,

As Remembrance Day approaches, there are certain words that come to mind: commitment, dedication, service, sacrifice, love and pain but those also words that come to mind as I think of the Cross.

There was the love of God for us that caused Him to enter our world as one of us. There was Jesus' willingness to serve those around Him, His friends and strangers alike. All of that took commitment and dedication.

There was the pain Jesus suffered on the Cross but also the pain He felt as He looked out over Jerusalem and said: If only you knew today, what would bring you peace.

There was His sacrifice, His willingness to give His life for us, as countless soldiers did to win freedom for us. I wonder how often we remember and how often we say thank you.

We matter to God. You matter to God and what's more, when you are having a bad day and you feel like giving up, He believes in you and knows you will get through it.

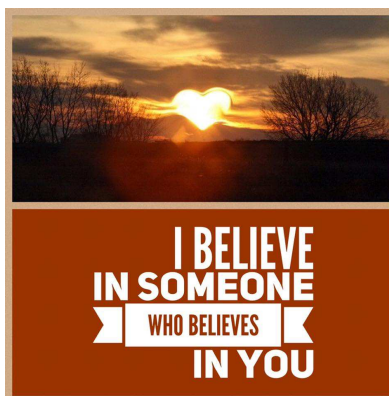
You also matter to us in Lochgilphead Parish Church. We are privileged to have you as part of our membership and to know that as you are members, you have also made a commitment to God and have expressed a willingness to serve God in this area and as part of His Kingdom.

It is challenging to serve God at a time when many no longer seem interested in knowing that God loves them but He still does. Somehow, we have to find a way of showing people that love so that when pain comes as it surely will, when struggles come as they inevitably do, when sacrifice is asked of us by our families and even by our friends, each one of us will know the loving, supportive dedication of our God to us.

Each one of you is welcome to join us for worship. What an encouragement it would be to us to have you with us. Come and join us as we move into this season of remembrance.

With very best wishes,

Hilda C. Smith  
Minister



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### A REMINDER

Please send any contributions for the November/December Link to  
Roberta Bowen  
by **Thursday 20th December 2018**



### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Television relays the programme  
As thousands attend the Albert Hall,  
Music plays and prayers are uttered  
Waiting for the poppy fall.

Young men and boys of tender age,  
We must remember what it cost  
As they fought to save our country,  
Some came home and some were lost.

Wars will always be amongst us  
Death and darkness, dread and fear,  
But one day this all will vanish  
When the Prince of Peace is here.

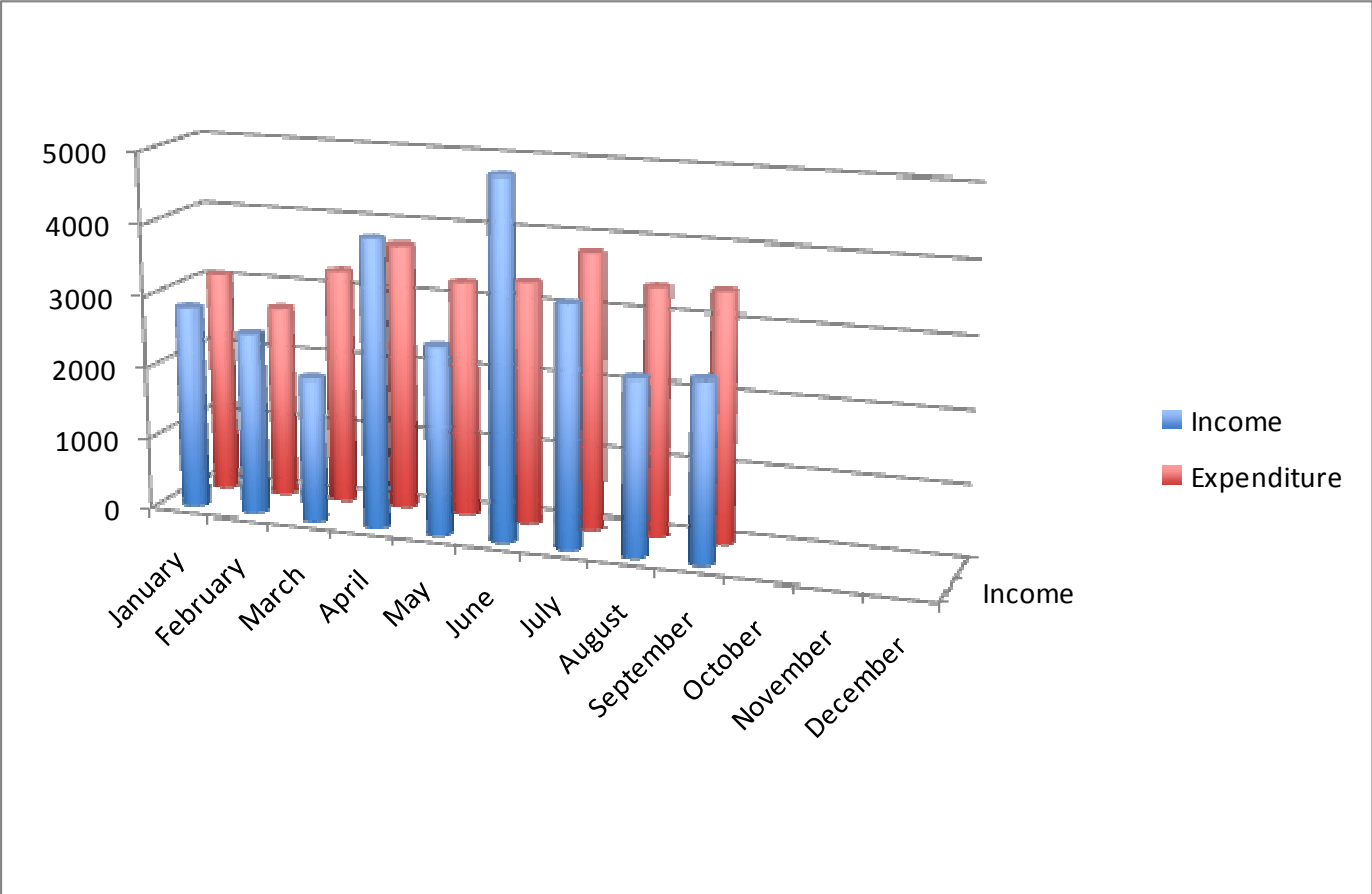
by Megan Carter



**ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**  
**Sunday 11th November at 10.50am**  
**Lochgilphead War Memorial**



# FINANCE REPORT



*'Our expenditure on essentials this year to date is almost £3,000 more than our income. Not good news!'*



## BLANKETS FOR MALAWI

Many thanks to all the people who have been knitting squares either when they come into the hall or at home. Our thanks also go to Christine Stewart who has been sewing all the squares together. Your efforts have so far resulted in ten blankets, which is magnificent. Keep the squares coming. They can be handed in to the hall when the café is open on a Wednesday.  
If you don't like knitting squares, prem hats and fish and chip jumpers are always required.  
A great result so far. Thank you.

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## SUDOKU

Answer on  
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# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**Sunday December 9th**

after the service

Price £13.00

**Fun, Food and Fellowship**



The Watch Night Service on 24 December will start at 11.15pm but why not come along early for Mince Pies, Mulled Wine and Carol Singing at 10.45pm.



ALL WELCOME

**February 2nd**

7.30pm

Keep the date free

More details will  
follow nearer the  
time



**Burns  
Supper**

## BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

**Sunday December 16th,  
3.00pm**

As the Christmas season approaches and many are caught up in the excitement and the party spirit, those who have suffered a loss in the previous year or, indeed, in years gone by, are often reminded again of the pain of that loss.

A special service will be held during Advent for everyone in our community who wishes to take time to remember friends and family. It is hoped that through coming together, each will find comfort, hope and a sense of peace, in the midst of pain.



**Saturday November 24th**

10.00—12.00

This Coffee Morning is being organised by May Taylor.  
If you can help on the day please let her know.

There will be

A Home Baking Stall

A Raffle and a special Christmas Lucky Square Raffle  
Donations of home baking, raffle prizes,

## Saint Andrews

**Thursday November 29th, 7.30pm**

**More details nearer the time**

**QUIZ  
NIGHT**





### Drop In Café

Every  
Wednesday  
10.00am to 3.30pm

*The café will close on  
December 12th for the  
Christmas and New Year  
period and will re-open  
on January 9th*

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.

If you would like to help

### THE GUILD



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

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

**13th November, Craft Night**  
**27th November, Crinan Canal, Donna Mallan**  
**11th December, Playlist for Life, Margaret Jacobsen**  
**18th December, Christmas Evening**

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!



### DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Thursday November 29th  
December - Christmas Party (tba)  
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!**

### 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*



### Let's get Knitting!

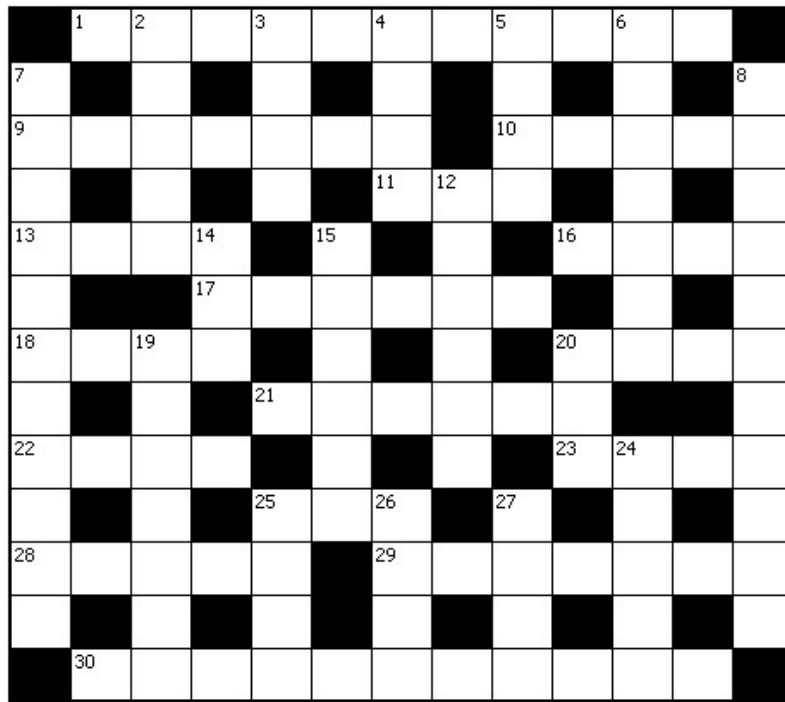
We meet fortnightly in various venues to knit, chat, laugh, learn new techniques and partake of a light supper.

**Meeting on November 14th, 28th  
December 5th  
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.

# Crossword



## Some signs found outside churches:

- \* Church car park sign...FOR MEMBERS ONLY. Trespassers will be baptised!!
- \* No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.
- \* Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!
- \* Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!
- \* Outside one church is a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed. A head-line reads: 'For fast relief, take two tablets.'
- \* When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters that said, 'Open Sundays', the church reciprocated with its own message: 'We are open on Sundays, too. And we have live music.'
- \* A singing group called 'The Resurrection' was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the minister fixed the outside sign to read, 'Resurrection is postponed - due to snow.'
- \* Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!
- \* Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm next Wednesday in the church lounge. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- \* Thursday at 10am there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All those wishing to become Little Mothers are asked to go and see our new minister in the vicarage....

## Clues

### Across

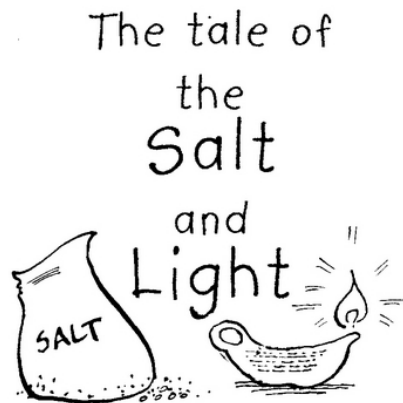
- 1 and 20 Down Lord of all ..., Lord of all..., whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy (11,3)  
 9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: Why are you ...your fellow Hebrew? (Exodus 2:13) (7)  
 10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline ... (2,3)  
 11 At even ... the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay (3)  
 13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)  
 16 Do not leave Jerusalem, but ... for the gift my Father promised (Acts 1:4) (4)  
 17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)  
 18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: We must ...God rather than men! (Acts 5:29) (4)  
 20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, ... Eareckson-Tada (4)  
 21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)  
 22 Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat ... (Matthew 13:2) (2,2)  
 23 Infectious tropical disease (4)  
 25 Tree (3)  
 28 No fear of me should ... you, nor should my hand be heavy upon-you (Job 33:7) (5)  
 29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)  
 30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

### Down

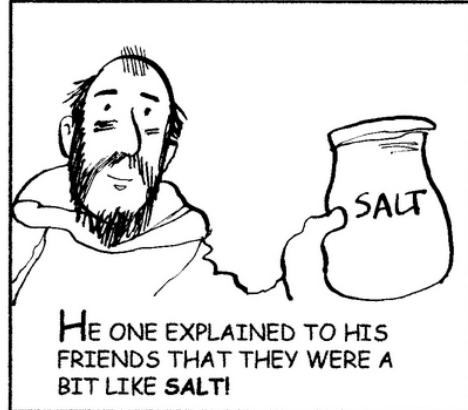
- 2 O Jerusalem, how ... I have longed to gather your children together (Matthew 23:37) (5)  
 3 Way out (4)  
 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)  
 5 Done (anag.) (4)  
 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)  
 7 Concerning the study of God (11)  
 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)

- 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)  
 14 Frozen (3)  
 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)  
 19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)  
 20 See 1 Across  
 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)  
 25 Time (anag.) (4)  
 26 Lists choice of meals (4)  
 27 For the wages of sin is death, but the ... of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:23) (4)

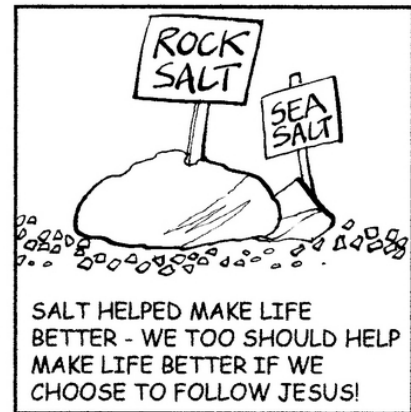
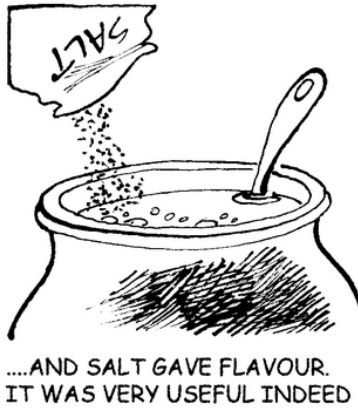
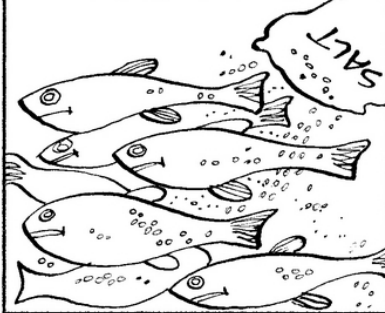
# Kids Corner



JESUS OFTEN TOLD  
STORIES WITH  
HIDDEN MEANINGS



IN JESUS' DAY, SALT WAS  
VERY PRECIOUS. IT HELPED  
PRESERVE FOOD....

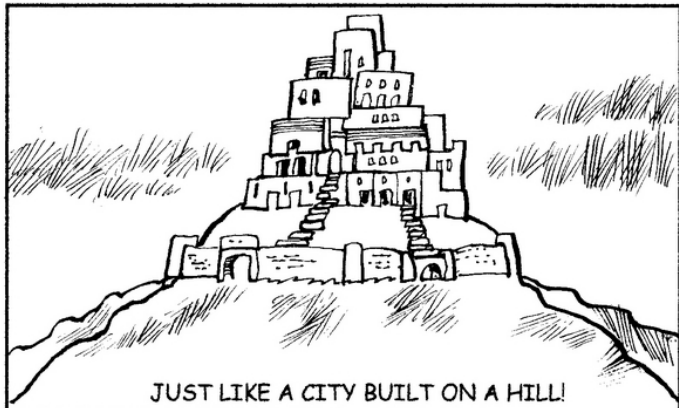
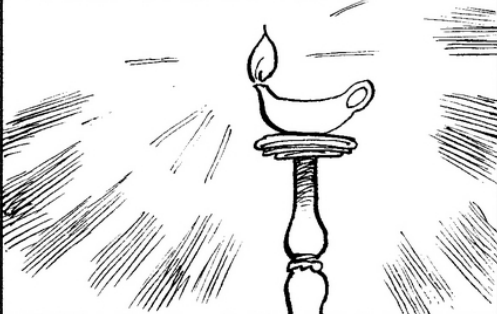


JESUS ALSO SAID HIS FOLLOWERS  
SHOULD BE LIKE LIGHTS



'NOBODY LIGHTS A LAMP - THEN PUTS  
IT UNDER A BOWL', SAID JESUS

THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES AS  
CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE  
TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.



# Rotas for November/December 2018

	Door Duty	Prayers	Flowers	Readers	Tea/Coffee Duty
			(Contact - E Armstrong)		(Contact - M. Davidson)
<b>Nov 4th</b>	N & P Cameron	M Davidson	T Cameron	M MacDonald	C Ferguson & K Thompson
11th	T Cameron & K Thompson	M Jacobsen	Remembrance Pop-	K Thompson	Remembrance - no coffee
18th	D & R Bowen	M Taylor	C Ferguson	R Bowen	S & M Taylor
25th	M Jacobsen & I McMillan	S Taylor	I MacArthur	M Jacobsen	J & A Barclay
<b>Dec 2nd</b>	J & R Morrison	J Morrison	E Armstrong	R Morrison	S Morrison & T Cameron
9th	S & M Taylor	I Davidson	M Taylor	tba	Christmas Lunch - no coffee
16th	C Gilmour & A Hunter	M Davidson	tba	M MacDonald	F Elder & L Mochrie
23rd	M MacFadyen & E Munro	M Jacobsen	Rev H Smith	M MacFadyen	S Stankey & M Jacobsen
30th	S Stankey & I Mac Arthur	M Taylor		S Stankey	A Pearson & 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)

<b>Nov 4th Communion</b>	Rev Hilda Smith
<b>11th Remembrance Act of Remembrance</b>	<b>9.45am</b> Rev Hilda Smith <b>10.50am</b>
18th	Worship Group + The Guild
25th	Worship Group
<b>Dec 2nd</b>	Rev Hilda Smith
9th	Rev Hilda Smith
<b>16th Blue Christmas</b>	<b>3.00pm</b> Rev Hilda Smith
<b>23rd Nativity</b>	Rev Hilda Smith
<b>24th Watch Night Service</b>	<b>11.15pm</b> Rev Hilda Smith
<b>25th Family Service</b>	Rev Hilda Smith
30th	Rev Hilda Smith

## ..... and for your diary

January 8th, 22nd	The Guild
January 31st, February 28th	Messy Church
January 9th, 23rd	Knit & Natter
January 26th	Coffee Morning
February 2nd	Burns Supper

## Other Events

November 13th, 27th	The Guild
December 11th, 18th	
Every Wednesday	Drop in Cafe, 10.00am - 3.30pm
November 14th, 28th	Knit and Natter Group, 7.30pm
December 5th	
November 29th	Messy Church, 4.00pm-6.00pm
December (tba)	
November 24th	ChristmasCoffee Morning
November 29th	St Andrew's Eve Quiz Night

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Answers  
ACROSS: 1, Hopefulness, 9, Hitting, 10, du Pre, 11, Ere, 13, Ozni, 16, Wait, 17, Climbs, 18, Obey, 20, Clunkoo, 22, In it, 23, Yaws, 25, Elm, 28, Alarm, 29, Epistle, 30, Whitsuntide.  
DOWN: 2, Often, 3, Exit, 4, Urge, 5, Node, 6, Soprano, 7, Theological, 8, Westminster, 12, Rebuke, 14, Icy, 15, Ritual, 19, Epitaph, 20, Joy, 24, Acted, 25, Emit, 26, Menu, 27, Gift.

Sudoku answers

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