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Editor's Remarks

What a joy it is to see the spring flowers blooming in gardens and hedgerows, heralding that winter is over.

Most of the winter activities have finished for the season but, as usual, forthcoming events will keep everyone busy, particularly the Centenary Events, Church Fete, Auction and Highland Games.

Elsewhere in the magazine there is information about the forthcoming publication of the 'St. Bride's Church, Brodick, 'A Centenary History', regarding date of sale and price.

Hopefully there will also be two Book Launches (time and date to be arranged) at The Book and Card Centre to promote and celebrate this event.

My thanks to all who have contributed to this edition, and a special thank you to Anne Bason who has designed a most appropriate cover for our centenary year.

SAVE THE PLANET!!! USE THE CHURCH BUS!!!

At present the Church Bus has 7 volunteer drivers and only 3 passengers!!

Here you will find cheery, happy drivers, a comfy, cosy bus and door to door service with a smile.



COME AND JOIN US, COME AND JOIN US ON OUR HAPPY BUS.



Please phone Alison on 303505.

Use it or lose it!

There has been a relation between religion and finance even since the time of Noah. He was the only man to float a company when the rest of the world was in liquidation!

Brodick Manse April 2011

Now we are post-easter, Christmas may seem like a distant memory. However the subject of my Spring magazine letter concerns Christmas cards. Or more specifically, concerns a constructive criticism made to me by someone back in January, that although they loved the 2010 card, with ts front cover of the magnificent centenary wall hanging, they had been lisappointed with the message contained inside. A bland standard seasonal greeting, minus any mention of scriptural quotation.

must admit this person has a very valid point. Here was our congregational Christmas card, and our centenary one to boot, and no nention of the Word of God, contained in either the Old or New Testaments, which must be our supreme rule of faith and life and dictate everything we stand for as a church.

However the Christmas story and all the other parts of the Bible pertaining to it, are surely the best known, even by non church folk. Therefore, it will not be difficult to find dozens of suitable quotes in time to make amends on next year's card.

The Psalms too, are still well known, at least in church circles and particularly in the Kirk, where they form part of our heritage and staple diet of praise most weeks.

The well known words from the metrical version of Psalm 121 'I to the hills will lift mine eyes', is inserted inside the cards the pastoral support team send to those who are in hospital, or grieving, or in need. A wee reminder that not only are we at St Bride's thinking about them and praying for them at a difficult time, but that ultimately their 'safety comes from the Lord, who heaven and earth hath made.'

This does though beg the question, outside the Christmas and perhaps less so the Easter narrative and the Psalms, how good is the general knowledge of scripture among the average 21st century church-goer? No doubt there are still some people who are well versed in their Bible, able to quote chapter and verse, but I suspect they are in the minority. Long gone are the days painted so vividly in Burns's 'The Cotter's Saturday Night' of a family

gathered at home round the family bible, for their daily devotions led by the head of the household, at one time the norm in Scottish homes. Nowadays most folk only open their Bibles — or should I say the ones provided in the pews, not their own — in church on a Sunday.

Outside Shiskine and the Northend, it does not seem as if there is much appetite either for our joint linkage fortnightly bible study, which might in some measure help rectify this modern and to my mind unhealthy trend. A congregation that does not know its Bible, must surely be a less effective one, as it seeks to serve and uphold God's teachings for kingdom living.

So in order to try to encourage more participation from Brodick and Corrie, not only do we now regularly hold bible studies in either the home of John and Anne Bason in the Knowe Road, or the Brodick Manse, but have moved the time from a Thursday evening, when people are less keen to travel, to a Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m..

I can heartily recommend these meetings to you. They last no more that a maximum of a couple of hours including a chat over tea and biscuits. I personally have benefited hugely from the last series during Lent, when we looked at a study produced by the Leprosy Mission on the 5 human senses. Most recently this has been the focus of my preaching, some of it sharing with you the insight gained from the other members of the study group on relevant portions of Scripture.

I would love to share that insight with more of you on a Tuesday afternoon too. So if you are free and would like to be more bible literate, please come along. Just listen out in the intimations for the date and venues of the next study. Even if you can only manage occasionally, each study is self-contained, allowing the possibility of dipping in and out as life dictates.

And by the way, suggestions for the inscription in the 2011 Christmas card are now being taken.

Angus

Brodick Church of Scotland News Letter April 2011 Property Report.

Manse:

Following the annual inspection which took place on the 10th January 2011 with John Kerr of Corrie Church in attendance, the following observations were made.

Minor repairs were identified and carried out viz. cracks in lounge and dining room ceilings were filled in, garage plaster board repaired and loft insulation increased to 12 inches thick, with vertical insulation applied to cold spots.

Items for approval by the Board are as follows:

The existing bath in the family bathroom is leaking below the water line and will have to be replaced. We consider it prudent to refurbish the whole bathroom at this time. .Two quotations are being sought for the work for the approval by the board.

The existing back door, which is still timber with single glazing, leaves the kitchen area cold. The kitchen heater is unable to cope.

It is our intention to replace the glazing by increasing the beads to take double glazing, thereafter fitting a draught excluder. Consideration will have to be made in the near future, to upgrade the heating in the kitchen area.

The Velux windows have failed in the main hall. It is our intention to replace these. A quotation is forthcoming for the work.

Regretfully Mr Muir, due to ill health, has agreed to relinquish the work to carry out the cement ingoes to windows. A quotation is being sought from Mr Murchie of Lamlash to carry out the work.

David Boyle has been instructed to submit a quotation to bring the manse electrical work up to the 17th revision where necessary. Church Hall.

The kitchen floor is showing signs of rot beneath the linoleum.

Two quotations will be sought to remove linoleum, lift timber flooring, oists, and wall plates where necessary, and to completely replace timber looring and linoleum.

Replacement of tubular lighting is ongoing. Decoration work still to be carried out.

Church:

The sound system has been moved from the window sill nearest the organ to a shelf below, to allow additional space for our Flower Festival . The music cabinet has also been moved closer to the organ. The lead glazing work to the transept window is now complete. A report of a leak to the lead roof of the organ chamber is being investigated. The report of the quinquennial visitation is still not available. The organ has had its annual service.

Flower Festival

As we near the culmination of our year of celebration remembering the 100 years of St. Bride's Church, we are holding a flower festival on 1st, 2nd and 3rd of July. Obviously this entails a great deal of work from so many people. Already a willing band has offered much help but there is room for more willing hands. Any others to whom I have not yet spoken would be most welcome to join the team. No! You don't need to be "good with flowers."There are people required to staff the teas in the hall and to be on duty in the church during the opening hours which will be 10am until 4pm. This is not a ladies only event!!! Come on gentlemen. There is work for you too!

I'm sure this will be a fitting offer of joy and thanksgiving—and fun! If you haven't spoken to me already I shall be delighted to hear from you. Evelyn Sillars

Arran Churches Together

The World Day of Praise Service was held this year in St. Molio's Church, Shiskine, on Friday 4th March. The service was prepared by the people of Chile, and it was a beautiful service, voted by some of those present to be one of the best ever. The offering, amounting to £232.25, was shared among the Scottish Bible Society, and Feed the Minds and HIV/AIDS in Chile.

The next event in our calendar is the Walk of Witness on Good Friday, 22nd April. Those wishing to join the Walk should meet at the Church of The Holy Cross at 2pm for a short address by Father Noel Colford before the procession through the village to St. Bride's, where there will be another short service before the serving of tea or coffee and biscuits in the Church Hall, offering the opportunity to chat to members of other churches. On 8th May, The Salvation Army will again be conducting the service in Brodick Church and the annual Songs of Praise is scheduled for 26th June in Lamlash—on the green weather permitting, if not, in the church.

STATED ANNUAL MEETING

The Stated Annual Meeting of Brodick Church was held on Monday7th March in the church hall. Rev. Angus Adamson welcomed all present.

Chairing the meeting, he introduced reports from the Treasurer and Session Clerk. Written reports by Property Convenor and minutes of last Stated Meeting had been distributed beforehand as is required.

The election of Board Members then took place. Four persons were due to stand down but could be reappointed. Mrs Jean Cameron and Mrs Anne MacKay did not seek re-election On behalf of the congregation, the Chairman thanked them both for their years of service. The following people were then duly appointed: Mrs Sylvia Alison, Mrs Joyce Buchanan, Mrs Valerie Cross, Mrs Maureen Cuthbert and Mrs Lavinia Hendry. Before closing the meeting, Rev. Angus Adamson thanked office

bearers, members of the congregation and all who, in any way, had helped in the life of St. Bride's Church.

On behalf of himself and Mrs Jean Hunter, he expressed thanks for all the loyalty and support given to them both throughout the year.

On behalf of the congregation, Mr Hamish Mitchell paid tribute to Angus and Jean for their dedication, hard work and diligence. The minister invited everyone to close the meeting by saying the Blessing together.

An invitation was then extended to those present to join the St. Bride's Ladies in their fortnightly meeting whose speaker for the evening was Rev. Gillian MacLean on a subject close to her heart, 'Mary's Meals.'

Morag Watson













CHURCH FETEDates for your diary

Summer is fast approaching and it's time to start thinking about our Summer Fete. This year it will be on Saturday 23rd July at 2pm in the church grounds. The usual stalls will be present and if you have any ideas for new stalls, games or have not previously been involved, we would love to hear from you. Now is the time to start collecting plants, books, bric-a-brac, tinned goods, tombola items and thinking about delicious baking.

The annual auction will be on **Thursday 28th July**, held in Brodick Golf at 8pm. Please start to look out any items suitable for selling.

Any questions, comments or suggestions would be most welcome.

Please contact Susan Dobson on 302365 or Janet Ramage on 600641

Fete convenors

DUCK DERBY

Ducks and minders required in the run up to the Brodick Church Fete on Saturday 23rd July from Monday 18th --Saturday 23rd July for approximately 1 hour morning or afternoon. Be a duck or be a duck minder. Stroll along Brodick front selling the famous duck eggs (ping pong balls) and meet friends and visitors. Any age, any size for duck suit or minder!! Any willing volunteers would be very, very much appreciated. Remember less than 1 hour is all that is required. Please phone Alison 303505 All welcome

St. BRIDE'S LADIES.

Among the many things which tell us that spring has arrived on Arran there are two which stand out – sunshine and daffodils, and both were very much in evidence on Saturday 2nd April when the Ladies held their annual Spring Fayre.

It was sunny indoors as well as out, with customers chatting and laughing with friends while they drank tea or coffee and sampled the home baking at tables with gold cloths and vases of Wordsworth's favourite flower.

The various stalls – and especially the home baking one, groaning with a mass of gorgeous goodies – were well supported and raised just under £700, although the final figure will probably be higher.

The raffled hampers were won by Carol Burge and John Lauder, and the golfer doll (made by some knitting genius) was won by Ann Mitchell. Sincere thanks to all the hard workers and their customers.

With another successful winter season behind them, culminating in Mrs Jean Hunter's interesting and humorous slide show with commentary at the A.G.M., the Ladies can now take things easy for a while – sorry, that should read "gear themselves up for their next task, catering for the Highland Games in August". Huge amounts of cakes and sandwiches are needed as the customers have huge appetites and plenty of ladies are needed to serve them on the day. The size of the kitchen in the Ormidale Pavilion precludes any "huge amounts" but hopefully they can work in shifts and so become less tired.

It is, of course, never too soon to start thinking about speakers for the new winter programme of 2011/12 and I am sure that they are doing just that. Meanwhile the serving of tea and coffee after church and on alternate Wednesdays goes on all year. Of course, the more ladies there are the less work there is for everyone, so come along and join this excellent group for what is mainly fellowship.

WORSHIP (3) - The Bible

"The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart, The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes."

(Psalm 19:7-8)

Worship is the worth of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We worship because He is worth it. Is the reading of God's word important in our worship of Him, in our worship service? Let us see. The Apostle Paul says "All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16) The Scriptures teach us who God is and who we are. They teach us what the problem is as well as the divine solution. They teach us how to live a life pleasing to God and what we are to believe. God trains us through His word so that we might be suitable vessels for His work.

The Church of Scotland has very strict rules about public worship dating back to the Protestant Reformation of the 16th Century. Although now within that structure, we know there is flexibility from congregation to congregation. However, it still has to be within the rules and guidelines of the Church of Scotland. The rules are that each diet of worship should contain certain elements and of course the reading of the Scriptures is one of those elements. It is a privilege afforded to us in reading the word of God in our services. It is good on a Sunday that, whoever is reading, after they announce the passage to be read, you can hear the rustling of the pages in the pews. We had two readings on Sunday - the first from the Old Testament - a Psalm and the second one was from the New Testament from the Gospel according to Luke. There are no set rules of how many readings there should be at any diet of worship. This varies from preacher to preacher. I usually have an O.T. reading and a N.T. reading - but not always. I know

some preachers who believe in having the whole pattern of scriptures read. That is a passage from the Old Testament, a Gospel reading and an Epistle. There is no advantage or disadvantage in the number of readings you have in a service, as this depends on the preference of the preacher. What is important though is the reading of the scriptures. We read from the Revised English Bible in Brodick church, in Corrie it is the Revised Standard Version and in Lochranza, Pirnmill and Shiskine it is the New International Version. There are many translations of the Bible I said recently in a sermon that I had twelve different translations sitting on my dining room table (and this is by no means an exhaustive list) This year is the 400th Anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible, (Authorised Version). Many folk prefer that translation and use it in their own devotions. Many churches still use the King James Bible in worship. Whatever translation you like to read then that is the best for you, as long as you open the Book and read it. Whatever translation we use in church it is important to read together from it. The reading of God's word is important in our worship of Him and an important part of our worship service. So too is the preaching of that word but that is for another time.

Jean Hunter

Centenary

By the time the next church magazine is published our centenary celebrations will have come to an end. It has been a busy year for all involved in the many activities which have taken place, all of which in different ways have appealed to the wider community of Brodick and beyond.

Throughout the year we have been anticipating the publication of "St Bride's Church, Brodick, A Centenary History" which has been written by our minister, Rev. Angus Adamson, with help from a number of people, in particular Alex Lawrie our Session Clerk, Eva Marsden and Maureen Farquharson.

Copies of this very professional looking publication are with the printer at this time in the hope that they will be on sale by Easter, price £10. An advance proof copy has been on show over the last few weeks so that members and friends could see what the finished product is likely to look like, and all have been impressed by the 70 odd full colour A4 sized pages and the depth of detail which is included of the events of these last 100 years. This will truly be a work to cherish for many years to come, and will make a very welcome keepsake for all who have a Brodick connection.

On Sunday 8th May Govan Salvation Army Band are paying a return visit in honour of our centenary and will take services at St Bride's at 11am (note the changed time) and Montrose House. We are very indebted to these talented and committed musicians for giving up their time to come across that day, and trust that you will repay them by packing the church on that morning.

The church hall, and probably spilling over into the church, will be turned into an art gallery from 2nd to 5th June, when our centenary Arts and Crafts Exhibition takes place. Paintings, needlework and pottery are among the many items which will be on display by local artists, and entry forms are now available at church, or from Nancy Macleod (810237) who has kindly agreed to help organise this event.

Many of you will remember the flower festival which took place in the church in 2000 for the millennium celebrations. It is planned to emulate that event from 1st to 3rd July to coincide with our Centenary Service and Gathering, and Evelyn Sillars has agreed to co-ordinate arrangements. If you would like to help Evelyn would be grateful to hear from you (302246). This will be yet another memorable opportunity for us to appreciate the many talents of our members and friends.

Finally, of course, we come to the BIG DAY – 3rd July – when the Moderator of the Church of Scotland General Assembly will preach at our Centenary Service. Invitations were sent out months ago to as many as could be traced of those who were baptised in the church since it opened in 1911 to come to the service and a Gathering in Brodick Public hall immediately afterwards.

There are necessary limits to how many people can be accommodated in the Public Hall, where a buffet lunch will be served, so tickets (price £10) are now on sale to cover the cost of the event. You are urged to obtain your tickets as soon as possible to ensure that you will be able to attend the Gathering, which will continue all afternoon to allow folk to catch up with friends whom they may not have seen for some time.

Used Stamp Appeal.

Many thanks to all who continue to save their used stamps and leave them in the receptacle in the church vestibule. Thank you particularly to those who have ensured that their stamps are trimmed to a one centimetre surround, which saves me a lot of work before despatch. Each year the World Mission Council choose a different overseas project, and this year it is Mount Olivet Boy's Home in the Cayman Islands which provides a place of hope for boys who have been abused or neglected.

John Lauder.

Friends of Montrose House Association Spring 2011 Report

The seemingly overnight appearance of a host of golden daffodils in the gardens of Montrose House suddenly proclaimed the arrival of spring and despite some late frosty mornings we can almost believe that the changing of the clocks heralds the arrival of 'British Summer Time'.

Work has recommenced after the winter break by the Garden Gang but sadly we have lost the services of several regular members due to various disabilities - hopefully only temporarily - but we do need more people to volunteer to help with the upkeep of these delightful grounds. Anyone interested? We work generally a couple of hours on Monday mornings commencing at 10 O'clock and there is a generous coffee break half way through the morning! (The local 'chat' level at these sessions is very informative!)

In addition to the profusion of daffodils we also have a most attractive display of Hyacinths in the raised bed adjacent to the entrance giving an interesting contrast of colour - thanks to Steve Bunyan's Council team.

The recent photograph in the Arran Banner of the 'Site for a new Montrose House residential care home' further up Glen Cloy gave rise to a wave of optimism that at last things are about to happen in this long running saga. Alas this is no more than the caption says and a lot of water has to pass down the Cloy Burn before it becomes a reality. The fact that the proposed purchase price creates a considerable overspend in the Council's financial year makes it difficult to comprehend. Meanwhile it has to be 'business as usual' for the time being.

Events in-house since the last report have been restricted to the weekly 'social hour' on Wednesday afternoons when we provide support to staff and generally help with input to the proceedings. May Proctor gave an impromptu song recital recently which was much appreciated. Any more offers of help would be useful to maintain fresh input to the event.

Outside events have included escorting two residents to the Church Centenary Social in the Church Hall and accompanying six residents plus staff to the 'Evening Dining Out' at the Kinloch Hotel, Blackwaterfoot. (including a five man 'push start' in reverse from the bar for the minibus to get us going on the homeward run!)

Forthcoming events at the time of writing include an Easter Bonnets Competition and the usual Spring and Summer Fetes in due course. It is with great sadness that we have to record the death of Jessie Ferguson who was a regular attender as a resident member of our committee for several years. A memorial service was held in-house to celebrate her life of 90 years.

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live.

They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from the trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "It was great, Dad". "Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked. "Oh yes," said the son. "So tell me what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered: "I saw that we had one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden, and they have a creek which has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden, and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard, and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We have walls around our property to protect us, but they have friends to protect them." The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have. Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends!

That story came to my mind as this year again brought news of the loss of good friends.

We do spend time grumbling about life's grievances and disappointments, when we should all be most thankful for our health, families and our circumstances, rejoicing in life and all its opportunities, especially as the Good News of Easter approaches.

Church work continues here in Sannox and Corrie. Our Stated Annual Meeting was held in March, and we sent Sharon McLeod our good wishes when she left for further training. We all appreciated our united service of Holy Communion and fellowship in Shiskine although the icy roads stopped our members from being part of the island Carol Service in Lamlash Luckily the island did not suffer the huge snowfalls experienced on the mainland. Our Christmas services uplifted us, as did the wonderful Christmas concert of Peter Wilson and his friends, and the Spring flowers are still blooming.

The World Day of Prayer was organised by Chile this year, and proved to be a thought provoking one, overshadowed as it was by explosions and the natural disasters of earthquakes in Chile, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and Burma; floods in Australia, the Philippines and South Africa; landslides in Brazil, and now this latest catastrophe in Japan. And yet we still have conflict and wars in other countries.

We think of all those in need, worldwide, in Arran, in our communities and in our families.

Finance.

We have managed to give extra monies in our contribution to mission. We shall need outlay for our share of the digibox and also for the necessary installation of a looped hearing system.

Property.

Our Convenor has the maintenance of Church and Manse in hand. The cost of any repairs will be paid from our Fabric Fund. It is planned to carry out the external painting shortly.

Deaths

10th March 2011 Ellen Hollas 1st April 2011 Jack Bunyan

Diary Dates

Wed. 20th April, Labyrinth Meditation at Shiskine between 1-9pm.

Maundy Thursday 21st April, Holy Communion Lochranza,

Good Friday 22nd April, Walk of Witness –2pm at Holy Cross Church followed by service in Brodick Church at 2.45pm.

Easter Day Service 24th April at noon here in Corrie.

1st May, The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

12th July, Fete and Barbecue in Corrie Village Hall. Summer Serenade. Date in July to be arranged.

Coffee Mornings

If you have not already done so, please offer to help on these mornings.

29th April-- yes, it's also that wedding day! 27th May, 24th June, 29th July, 26th August

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Bereavements: Mrs Jean Todd, Montrose House	03-12 -10
Mrs Ann Dickie, 4, Hillview Place, Brodick	30 -01 -11
Mrs Jessie Ferguson, Montrose House	06 -03 -11

Transfer in : Mrs Sadie Ritchie, 4, Strathwhillan Road, 01 -03 -11 Brodick

Communion: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in Brodick Church on Sunday 1st May at 10.30am. We welcome to the Lord's Table any who are members of any branch of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Service on this occasion will be taken by the Rev. Dr. Ian Macleod, Minister Emeritus of this church A Joint Service of Thanksgiving with Corrie will be held in Brodick Church at 7.pm on this day.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 20th April Shiskine Church open 1.00 to 9.00pm.

Labyrinth on the Theme of Christ's Passion.

Maundy Thursday, 21st April: Communion at Lochranza 7pm.

Good Friday 22nd April: A.C.T 'Walk of Witness' Holy Cross Church,

Brodick at 2pm, followed by service in Brodick Church at 2.45pm.

Sunday 24th April: Brodick Church 10.30am. Family Praise Service.

Sunday 8th May: Service in Brodick Church by Govan Salvation Army

Band at 11.am.

<u>Thursday 2nd -Sunday 5th June</u>: Centenary Art Exhibition, Brodick Church Hall 10.am -5.pm.

Tuesday 7th June: Ardrossan Presbytery Rally in Brodick Church at 2.30pm, Speaker Bro. Stephen Smyth, the General Secretary of A.C T.S. Friday 1st- Sunday 3rd July: Flower Festival in Brodick Church. Sunday 3rd July: Rededication Service in Brodick Church at 10.30am by Rev. David Arnott, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, followed by Reunion Gathering in Brodick Village Hall with Buffet Lunch and refreshments.

Coffee Mornings:

11th and 25th May 8th and 22nd June