



NEW CUMNOCK PARISH CHURCH

COMMUNICANTS INVITATION

You are invited to join us for
Communion

Sunday 3rd March
11.00 am

"This do in remembrance of me."

Mission Statement

Together: with **God**,

To encourage fellowship

By showing love and care for everyone.

In **Jesus** name,

To be good witness in our community.

Led by the **Holy Spirit**,

To seek **God** in prayer, bible study and worship.

New Cumnock Parish Church March 2024 Magazine



My dear friends

Some progress is slowly being made in the planned union of our seven congregations.

A Presbytery appointed committee led by Rev David Gemmell, minister at Ayr Old Kirk has met with representatives from the seven Kirk Sessions and has asked each to discuss a draft Basis of union and a draft Basis of team ministry.

We have done that at New Cumnock and now await a call to a meeting from Presbytery once all Kirk Sessions have responded.

The next stage will be for the Presbytery to adopt a basis of Union and basis of team ministry that have been agreed by all the Kirk Sessions involved. If agreement is not reached it is my understanding that Presbytery will decide what is to happen.

The documents will then be passed to all congregations for their approval.

This process may take some time but at least the wheels leading us to Union are now moving.

Far more important is our journey towards Easter. It is almost certain that without the resurrection of Jesus Christianity, as a world religion, would not have grown in the way it did.

So it can be argued that Easter is the most important celebration in the Christian calendar.

Apart from its religious significance it comes at a time of year when days are beginning to lengthen, clocks change and all the bright flowers of Spring are appearing.

At this time of Lent, which we are now in, Christians traditionally prepare themselves by meditating through prayer and Bible reading, on the events leading up to the crucifixion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. This reminds us of the true humanity of Jesus and also of His human courage, faith and the tremendous love He had for all people to endure this.

Then we come to Easter Day when we are invited to celebrate the resurrection and face the truth that this man Jesus was indeed the Son of

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Funerals 2024

- 15/1/24 Cathy Sloan, Corsencon Farm, New Cumnock
16/1/24 Christine Smetherham, 34 Polquehays Rd
05/02/24 Johann Stewart, 58 Ashmark Ave.
24/2//24 Helen Walker, 62 Pathead,
27/2/24 Martha Stark, 12 Dalhanna Drive

Jesus said: *'I am going there to prepare a place for you ... and I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.'* (John 14.2-3)

Lord, thank you for that wonderful promise. Thank you that you are with us always in life, in death and most gloriously in eternal life through faith in you. Comfort the families and friends of all whose names are written here, of all who mourn the loss of someone whose lives and love they treasured. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Next Magazine

If you would like to put an article in our June Magazine, please send an email to nancy241@hotmail.co.uk, or post to Nancy Young, Lochhill Farm, New Cumnock KA18 4PN. Articles must be received by Monday 6th May..

God and of his promise that all those who are faithful to Him will share in his resurrection life.

After Easter passes our attention is focused at Pentecost on the truth that God is not only Father and Son but is Father, Son and Holy Spirit yet eternally one God.

Our religion is based on truth.
Jesus said 'I am the way, the truth and the life.

On that firm basis of love, hope and truth, may you all have a very happy Easter.

I wish you all God's blessing.

Rev Ken.

SPRING

Darkness contained each bulb
then warmth softens,
and pendulous prophets stretch
in virgin silence,
heralding your arrival.

Deep forces explode from papery tunics
splotching crisp hues
of yellows and blues
on Nature's palette,
while chirps and twitters,
punctuate the air
confirming migrants' return.



Greta Yorke



New Cumnock Parish Church



Daffodil Coffee Morning

Saturday 23rd March 2024

in Church Hall

10.00am - 12.00noon

Tea / Coffee & bacon roll £3

Cakes etc 60p each



Church of Scotland No. 100578

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Sunday School



Our Sunday School children all received a Christmas present from Santa at their Sunday School Christmas Party.

Burns Supper

Our top table guest speakers, singers and musicians at our Burns Supper.



On Thursday 11th January we resumed our weekly Coffee Bean. We are open from 9.45 - 11.45 each Thursday morning until 20th June 2024. Great friendships have been made over the years and a warm welcome awaits you all.

I thank the bakers for their lovely and varied baking week by week. Many thanks for all the donations we receive in tea, coffee, sugar and money. We do appreciate all the workers who come along week by week and to our customers for your regular support. Thanks are also expressed to the people who come to serve when others are off sick or on holiday.

Where would we be without you all.

Our projects for this session, August 2023 - June 2024 was to buy new stage curtains and upgrade the kitchen. So far we have managed to purchase the stage curtains and will now concentrate on the kitchen. Our church hall is the envy of other congregations and we should be proud of the achievements made in the last few years.

Give thanks for the blessings that daily are ours - The warmth of the sun, the fragrance of flowers. With thanks for all the thoughtful, caring things you always do, And a loving wish for happiness today and all year through.

Blessings to you all,

Mary McCormack

What's On in Your Church

Communion	Sunday 3rd March	11am
Sunday School	Sunday	11 am
Open Door	Monday	2 pm—4 pm
Prayer Time	Wednesday Facebook	6.45—7.30 pm
Coffee Bean	Thursday	9.45—11.45 am
Prayer & Reflection	Thursday Church	11 am—12noon
Choir Practice	Thursday	12.30 pm
World Day Of Prayer	Friday 1st March Church	2 pm
Guild	Tuesday 5th March	
Kirk Session Meeting	Tuesday 12th March	7 pm
Daffodil Coffee morning	Saturday 23rd March	10 am—12 noon
New Cumnock Primary School Easter Service	Thursday 28th March	10 am
Holy Week Service	Thursday 28th March	7 pm
Early Morning Easter Service	Sunday 31st March	9.30 am
	The Square car park, Breakfast to follow in church hall	
Easter Service	Sunday 31st March	11 am
Nearly New & Bric-a-brac Sale	Friday 10th May	10 am— 2 pm
	Saturday 11th May	10 am—12 noon
Christian Aid Week	12th—18th May	

All are welcome



New Cumnock Parish Church

Nearly New & Bric-a-Brac Sale



Friday 10th May 10am - 2pm

Sat. 11th May. 10am - 12noon

in Church Hall

(Hall will be open Thurs 9th May from 5-7pm to receive donations)

Tea / Coffee & bacon roll £3

Cakes etc 60p each

Separate Rag Bag collection.

Use clear bags available from church or mark bags
clearly and donate by Wed 15th May.

Need donations uplifted? Call 07968 746190

Coffee Bean



As we began this new year we celebrated our 40th Anniversary on Friday 5th January 2024. We enjoyed a lovely meal made by Josephine, and our invited guests shared a few memories about the time they spent with us. Rev. Andrew McGurk led the congratulations followed by Rev. Gordon Kennedy, Rev. Rona Young, Rev. Helen Cuthbert, Rev. Kenneth Yorke and our Session Clerk Morag Ferrans. We were grateful that they were all able to join with us for this special event. Special thanks to Mrs Nancy Young for the lovely cake.

Many thanks to the people who sent us their congratulations and best wishes for the future.

GUILD REPORT

Well time is marching on and already we are well into the second half of session 2023 – 2024. There has been a varied programme since we started off Guild week in September of last year with a Songs of Praise. Already this year we have welcomed Rev Ken Yorke who gave us food for thought using the very practical book of James. We have learned more about New Cumnock Development Trust - about its origins and how it is organized. We were also updated on all it is currently involved with and its goals for the future. We have shared times of fun and fellowship.

We look forward to our local primary schoolchildren joining us on 20th February. They are coming to entertain using the works of Robert Burns. The Guild will lead the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March. We also look forward to a visit to Hansel Village on 5th March before the AGM, our last meeting of the session.

Our membership is strong and both men and women are invited to join the Guild. Please do come along, you will be made very welcome.

Guild Motto: *Whose we are and Whom we serve.*

Carol Ann McEwan

Open Door

Open Door opened after the Christmas break after having a lovely outing at Christmas Tea Dance at Carlton Hotel in Ayr. We all had a lovely meal and danced the afternoon away. Nessie our elder was also there..

We are looking forward to Afternoon Tea Dance at Dumfries House on Wednesday. Mr and Mrs Yorke our minister and wife and our elder Nessie are joining us.

May the Lord be with you all.

Margaret Houston

Finance

Our accounts for 2023 are with our Auditor.

The Finance Committee ask that we all think of the promise we made when becoming members to give what we can to our church, it is a difficult time when everything is getting more expensive, our Church Expenses too are increasing i.e. energy costs, insurance and the upkeep and maintenance, so we rely on our offerings and donations to cover these costs. We are blessed to have such a beautiful Church and Halls. We sincerely pray that we are able to meet our expenses.

We ask for guidance in all we do .

Something to think about at the time of change

We Never Know what's waiting at the turning of the road, Or what the bend is going to bring into view, But when you're least expecting it A Blessing will be bestowed on you.

Live in hope and confidence,

By nothing be depressed,

Then you'll draw unto yourself the good things and the best.

Isabel McDicken

Treasurer

Presbytery

Our Presbytery now has a Facebook page, which will allow us to share information and events across Presbytery and good news from our churches. To like and follow it, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthWestPresbytery>.

Events

Events Committee extends a most sincere thank you to all who helped in any way to make our Annual Burns Supper such a success. A most enjoyable community event and it also raised some much needed funds for our church – around £400.

Future events – Saturday 23rd March – **Daffodil Coffee morning**

Tea/coffee and a bacon roll £3; Cakes etc. 60p each

Friday 10th & Saturday 11th May – **Nearly New & Bric-a-brac**

Sale

Please remember us if you are Spring cleaning! Contact Christine on 07968 746190 to have any items uplifted. There will be a separate collection for unwanted clothing alongside this. Bags will be available nearer the time or use any bag and mark it clearly for the clothing uplift.

If you would like to volunteer at any event or to be part of the Events Committee, please speak to Christine Wilson. All offers of help are gratefully received.

World Day of Prayer

And boy does our world need our prayers!!

Friday 1st March 2024 at 2pm in New Cumnock Parish Church

This service has been prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine and their focus is on Ephesians 4 verses 1 – 3. *“I beg you..... bear with one another in love”.*

Do come along and join us for this short service and enjoy a cuppa afterwards.

Through my life good and bad things happened but I never doubted God was with me.

My parents told me I was christened at home by the local minister when I was 3 years old using tap water which was in a crystal sugar bowl .

I never thought much about being christened although my family and I always went to Church and Sunday School. We were in Brownies, Girl Guides and my brother in Boys Brigade.

My sister and I joined the Church together when I was 15 years old and my sister 29.

I do remember being in the Vestry and the minister tapped me on the head and said ‘You’re fine ‘

I asked my sister what he meant and she said ‘We have both been christened.’

I felt so happy and proud. I have carried my faith with pride throughout my life.

My own family have all been christened which I felt was the right thing to do for them and for them to make their own choices as they get older.

I do remind them about their baptisms and the joyful days they were. I always cry at christenings.

I obviously don’t remember mine but my parents obviously told me often about mine.

Baptism is not something I discuss openly outwith my own family and only if they ask questions It was good to hear your stories and views on how it enriched your life. Thank-you for making me think about my own life and what being baptised has done for me.

The next **Homework** will be given out on Sunday 25th February when the question to consider will be, ‘*How should Christians treat one another ?*’

Homework

On Sunday 7th January the minister preached on the baptism of Jesus and then on the significance of our baptism.

He invited members to think about this and to write down sometime in the coming week what their feelings were about this.

On Sunday 14th January their anonymous replies were read out.

Here are a few of them

As a child, knowing I had been christened as a baby made me feel safe and secure.

As an adult , knowing I had been christened as a baby led me to explore what the Christian faith was all about , and ultimately to join the Church.

I was baptised when I was 10 years old at the time the Arthur Memorial Church reopened. A lot of people wanted to be baptised at that time and this happened at the same service. My only memory is being part of a crowd with no real idea what baptism was about. I think because of my own experience that being baptised as an adult who has come to faith would have been far more meaningful.

Mind you, when I came to faith I did try baptising myself in the bath and I really don't know whether it was useful or not! The jury is out on that one!

At my baptism my parents took vows which they kept.

This meant I was taught about Jesus and when I was old enough I chose to follow Him.

I will always be thankful for their faithfulness, prayers and encouragement.

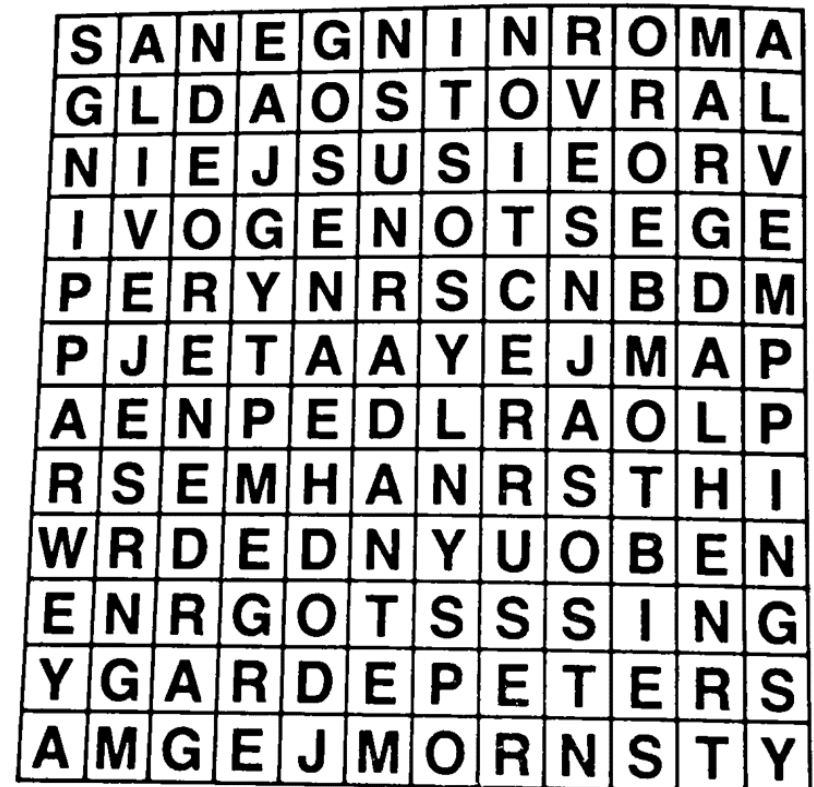
I was baptised when I was about 16.

I think I felt I had done something good for me as I now belonged to the Church family.

It never left me even though my life changed and eventually I came back and joined in the church again.

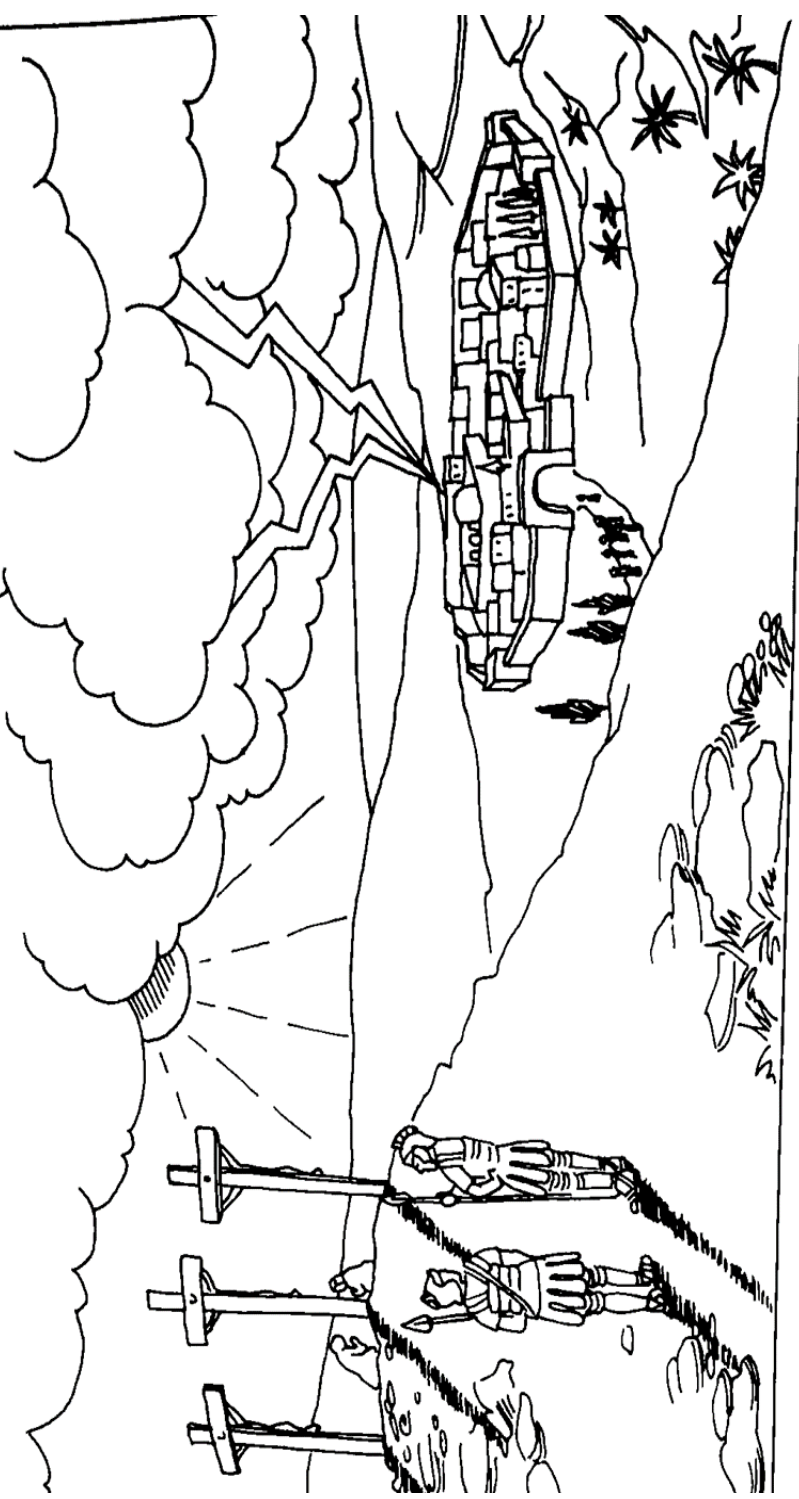
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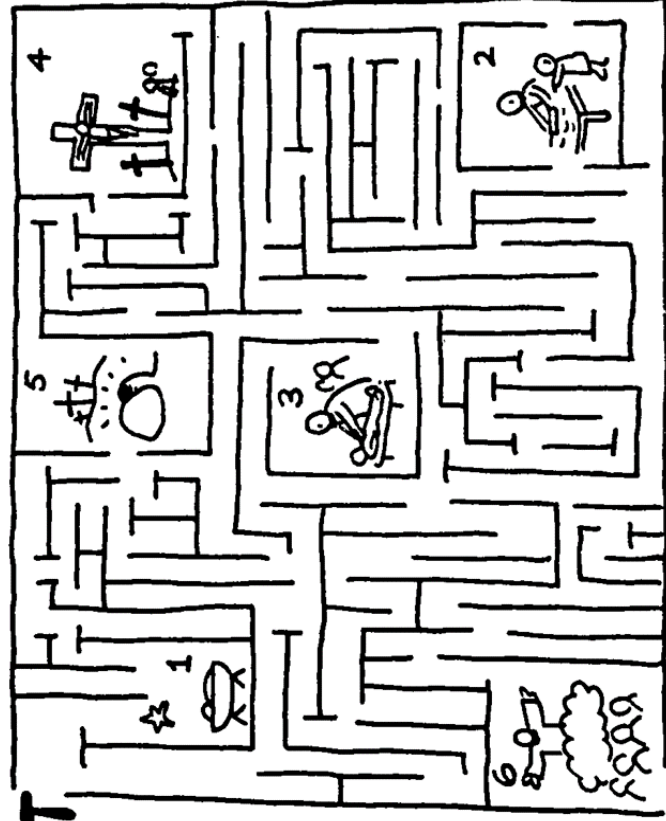
HE DIED THAT WE
MIGHT BE FORGIVEN.

Hebrews 10:9-12



CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY?

START



END

You must travel right through each event in Jesus' life in the right order!

1. Jesus is born at Bethlehem.
2. Joseph teaches Jesus to work as a carpenter.
3. Jesus heals a little girl.
4. Jesus is crucified.
5. Jesus is alive again.
6. Jesus ascends to heaven.