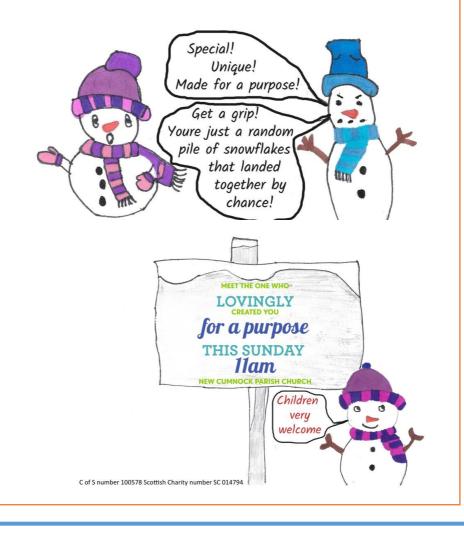
New Cumnock Parish Church March 2025



Dear friends.

The time has come again for me to write to you in our current news letter.

I had hoped by now that I would have been able to bring you definite news about the forthcoming Union of our seven congregations but we are still waiting for the Presbytery to inform us of a date when they will be coming to speak to the congregation.

At the last round of negotiations meetings of the congregations of New Cumnock and Cumnock Trinity voted against the proposed union in its present form.

This is why Presbytery is now seeking a meeting with these congregations in order to find out what our reasons are for our rejections.

I understand that a meeting has been arranged with Cumnock Trinity in March I have had no official confirmation of that.

I am expecting contact from Presbytery sooner rather than later on this matter and will issue details of a forthcoming meeting as soon as they are available.

It is very important that as many members as possible who are on our Communion Roll attend this meeting and make any objections on the proposed union known to the Presbytery representatives in attendance accompanied by good reasons for such objections..

These matters are taking much longer than any of us

anticipated due mainly to the extent of readjustment in the Church of Scotland which is currently taking place.

In the meantime it is vital that members continue to give of their time, talents and money for the Church's work at local and national level.

We are all on a journey and know that for some journeys can be boring.

However let us all continue trusting in God to lead and direct us as we seek to improve our work and witness within what is at present seven parishes.

We may not be able to see ahead the place that God is leading us to but let us put all our trust in him and through prayer and constant communion with Him draw nearer to what is His will for us at this time and in this part of Scotland.

May God bless you all and grant you the assurance of His constant companionship.

Your Interim Moderator, Locum and friend.

Rev Ken Yorke

New Cumnock Parish Church

Daffodil

Coffee & Crafts

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Saturday 8th March 2025

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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Dates to Remember

March

Sunday 2nd	11am	Holy Communion	
Monday	2pm	Open Door	
Tuesday 4th	2pm	Guild—Police Horses	
Wednesday	6.45pm	Prayer Time—Facebook Page	
Thursday	9.45am	Coffee Bean	
	12.30pm	Choir	
Friday 7th	2pm	World Day of Prayer	
Saturday 8th	10am	Daffodil Coffee & Crafts	
Tuesday 11th	7pm	Kirk Session Meeting	
Tuesday 18th	2pm	Guild—AGM- Pie & Peas	

May

Friday 9th	10am—2pm	Nearly New &
Saturday 10th	10am—12noon	Bric-a-brac Sale

All are welcome.

Next Magazine

If you would like to put an article in our June Magazine, please send an email to <u>nancy241@hotmail.co.uk</u>, or post to Nancy Young, Lochhill Farm, New Cumnock KA18 4PN. Articles must be received by Monday 5th May.

Finance

My accounts for 2024 have been finished and are now being checked and audited, As I keep saying things are always getting more expensive. You will all have noticed that our manse is in the process of being done up, but this is a very expensive process. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Christmas appeal to help with the cost of this, we are really grateful, (it is still an ongoing appeal). Our Church relies on our offerings and donations so please come along, you will be made most welcome. Please remember that when we all joined the church we all promised to give our financial support, we are blessed with a beautiful church which we want to keep. We also have a lot of support and time given by our Locum Minister, the Rev. Kenneth and also from his wife Greta, for which we are grateful.

I would also like to thank Fiona Ferrans for the work she does with calculating our Gift Aid scheme, again this is if you are a tax payer the church can reclaim 25%tax refund on your giving at NO cost to you.

The Finance Committee ask for God's Guidance in all we do. Isabel McDicken Treasurer A whole new time awaits us Lord, the way we must tread, Only you can see the way, and just what lies ahead. There is a challenge Lord, but a chance to start anew, But we need courage, strength and hope and love which comes from you. Please be with us through this time, and all our fears and doubts dispel, Then in our hearts, we'll hear your voice, Go forward all WILL be well.



Clootie Dumpling

I've just be making a Clootie Dumpling this week for my family In a big black pot which belonged to my Granny, so it's OLD!

This is a wee saying I came across -

Tea eat a clootie dumpling, it disnae need to be like dinner, the only thing Ye Need to hae is your Fingers.



My mother made a dumpling and wrapped in in a cloot, She boiled it in a big pot and when ready, poured it oot. She took off the cloot, and then whit a feast. And we all used our fingers!

Hope if you make a dumpling, remember use yer fingers. Isabel McDicken

The seasons change so quickly, the spring bulbs are starting to pop up in our gardens and countryside making for a wonderful sight that Spring is just around the corner.

It seems a while since Christmas when we, the ladies of the Flower Guild enjoyed an outing to The Range in Kilmarnock where we had morning coffee and a toasted muffin to start our day. We had a wee blether about decorating the Church for the festive season. We then had a browse around the shop and purchased a few bits and bobs. Then onto the Eden Garden Centre where we had a lovely lunch.



Our Church looked so warm and inviting with our beautiful but simple displays, the compliments we received were much appreciated.

Our next event for the guild will be Easter when we will tastefully dress the Church for this special time of year in the Christian calendar.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you who gift flowers each week which brighten up the chancel area, also for all the monetary gifts we receive , they are all very much appreciated. I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to Fiona and Helen who distribute the flowers each week around our village and beyond, thank you.

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed an apple tree; In cocoons a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Lottie Hill Flower Guild Convenor

GUILD

Our own Guild membership is strong here in New Cumnock and has always been part of a larger network throughout Scotland. This year sees us joining others in our own area to form Ayrshire Guilds Together. We have partnered with Ayr and district, Kilmarnock and Irvine.

Since January we have enjoyed Rev Ken Yorke leading us in bible study, a Scots afternoon with Alison playing and singing for us and encouraging us to join in and also a very interesting photographic "Dauner through New Cumnock" with Jimmy Johnstone. Our next meeting is with other Guilds in Cumnock and the last of the session before our AGM, is about the Police Horses who live over in Stewarton and form Police Scotland's Mounted Unit.

Some members are going to an "Afternoon Tea at the Ritz" – in Cumnock with other Guilds at the end of this month which promises to be a very posh affair! Watch this space!

Carol Ann McEwan

Prize

Once you have completed the word search or colored in the pictures, please give to Fiona McGurk or hand in at the Church door. There will be a surprise prize for you.







Word Search



BRANCHES	INSTRUCTION	SHOUT
COLT	JERUSALEM	SUNDAY
DISCIPLES	MASTER	TWO
DONKEY	PALM	UNTIE
DOOR	PEOPLE	VILLAGE
HOUSE	ROAD	

Coffee Bean

On Thursday 9th January we resumed our weekly Coffee Bean. We are open from 9.45 – 11.45 each Thursday morning until 19th June 2025. Since January we have been very busy, Lovely to see our regulars back and some new faces. 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. We also thank Andy and Caroline who set up the tables for us. 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.

I asked for some help to be able to keep the Coffee Bean running. Nan, Lottie, Carol Ann & Maureen are taking turns at getting the weekly shopping and Nan, Carol Ann & Lottie are taking on the roll of assistant convenors on a monthly basis. I thank each and every one. This is a trial to see how it goes and I appreciate it very much. You will notice that the convenor for the month and contact telephone number will be listed on the intimation sheet.

We are looking into the purchase of the new cooker and hope to have this done shortly. Every day is a reason for giving, and giving is the key to living, so let us give ourselves away, not just today but every day, and remember, a kind and thoughtful deed or a hand outstretched in a time of need is the rarest of gifts, for it is a part, not of the purse but of a loving heart. And he who gives of himself will find true joy of heart and peace of mind. H. S. Rice Blessings to you all,

Mary McCormack



Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who supported myself and Alex during my stay in hospital towards the end of last year. Thank you for prayers, cards, gifts, flowers and practical support which have been very much appreciated.

Carol Ann McEwan

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards, presents, and beautiful flowers on my 8oth birthday.

Nessie Mackie

Sunday School

We had a fantastic Christmas party with games and snacks. Santa came to visit and everyone got a present.

We are now looking into UNICEF children in war and are collecting using our Jar of Grace. The money collected will be sent to help children around the world. We have made tents, packed our favourite things into a small bag that can be carried on a long journey.

We are praying for peace in our world.

Margaret McCrindle









Mission

EVEN NOW my witness is in heaven, my advocate is on high, my intercessor is my friend. Job Ch16 V 19

So where is your "NOW "? This moment you're presently in. What's in your head space? Where do your priorities lie? What are you working towards, seeking to achieve? What are your longings, the deepest desires of your heart ?

Maybe your coping with chronic illness, daily pain or disability. Have you recently received a disturbing prognosis? Are you daily caring for a loved one or supporting someone with an addiction. Is your current work place causing you stress? Or are you struggling to keep going in your present employment? Are you stuck in a period of waiting which seems to be never ending or are you simply going through the mechanics of life having lost all interest, passion and joy?

What is more precious than having someone to fully get alongside you? Someone who is fully able to fight your corner, stand in your place. Someone who has your best interests at heart and is always working for your good. Someone who is moulding and shaping your life, making something beautiful out of all the things which initially seemed to harm you. The thing is with Jesus there is no small print, ulterior motive or underhandedness. He's 100% for you, very much involved in your present situation and totally committed to your spiritual growth, development of your faith and relationship with God.

As part of God's Church locally and nationally you may find our "NOW" to be disturbing, confusing and very concerning. Maybe you feel disillusioned, discouraged or disappointed. Today, more than ever, can we grab hold of this promise. "EVEN NOW " in the days of much uncertainty and vulnerability may we be reassured that Jesus Christ is still very much our witness in Heaven, our advocate on High and most certainly the one who intercedes for us before our loving Heavenly Father. He takes our imperfect, inadequate prayers for our selves, our Church, our families, our community and world and intercedes for us in a way more perfect than we can ever understand or imagine.

Today, as we journey forward together, may we decide to daily unburden ourselves before Him. Let us continue to pray for the many needs of His Church, our community, the world, our own Minister Rev Ken, session clerk Morag and all the faithful brothers and sisters in New Cumnock and beyond whom God has chosen to journey through this life together.

Mission Committee

Christian Action Group

Once again we held an afternoon tea, this took place on Wednesday 12th February. Entertainment was provided by Cumnock and District Bell Ringers, who took us through a varied program. All who were present enjoyed the afternoon. I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this event possible.

Congratulations and best wishes were sent to the following people on their special occasion: -

80th Birthday-Mrs N Mackie

Golden Wedding-Mr & Mrs A Howatt

I am grateful to everyone who has supported the group and continues to do so. The support given is very much appreciated.

Use what you have to enrich the lives of others and you will soon find your own cup overflowing. Luke 6 V 38

Mrs Nan Paterson

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.



Wedding

25/1/25 Morag Young, Lochhill Farm to Andrew Struthers, Boylston Farm

Funerals

05/12/24	Jean Telfer, 7 Burnton Place
20/01/25	Molly Guild conducted by John Paterson
21/01/25	Anne Hogg, 20 Nithsdale Av

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.

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NEW CUMNOCK PARISH CHURCH

COMMUNICANTS INVITATION

You are invited to join us for Communion Sunday 2nd 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.