

**New Cumnock
Church
Magazine
March 2026**



Hello everyone

It is with appreciation and considerable relief that I am so glad that we are at last moving forward into our new union as South East Ayrshire Parish Church.

The first meeting of the new Kirk Session has taken place and it was well attended.

Those present engaged usefully and we are off to a good start. Unfortunately the Presbytery appointed Interim Moderator has been forced, by circumstances which are not related to any of us, to resign so we now await another appointment.

There is one important lesson for everyone to learn as we move forward on our journey together and fittingly it comes from Jesus himself.

In St John 13 Jesus set his disciples a lesson in humility. He is saying that those who wish to lead within a group must be the servant of all.

As we move forward in our new union of churches Jesus seems to be telling us that we must do so with an attitude of service to and love for one another especially to those who, not surprisingly, feel that they have been totally neglected and treated very badly in any Christian sense!

Also as we move forward on our journey we must be careful not to insist that 'this is the way we have always done it', implying that there is no other way and that everyone else ought to follow and if they don't then it gives us the right to speak disparagingly against them!

In the journey forward in this union of churches it will be wise to remember the example of Jesus which is to love and serve one another.

I am confident you will all receive God's richest blessing when you seek earnestly to follow our Lord's example.

Best wishes.

Rev Ken

From Rev Scott Daily

Being a parent often provides you with some interesting illustrations. I discovered early on that one way to keep a young child entertained is to stack items such as blocks up and let them knock them down. In fact, several of my children were quite destructive in their early years. What is great is that now most of my children have reached a stage where they like to put things together, in fact they are quite creative and skilled when they put their minds to it.

What came to mind as I thought about this was the fact that while it is much easier to destroy and tear things down, it is of course far better to use our various skills to build and create. At the Sunday services in Cumnock and Muirkirk we are currently looking at the book of Philippians, and Paul writes to the Philippians in chapter 2 that we are to be like Jesus, to be humble and serve others. Part of that is to do everything without grumbling and arguing. Rather than constantly tearing down, we should build up.

This is not intended as a lecture, after all I am writing about building up, and so I am not seeking to “tear” anyone down! My desire is to encourage all of us to prayerfully consider ways we can continue to build up the family of God, both our local body and well as in the wider community, and especially in our new union of churches. It is easy to see problems, but how can we prayerfully build and grow? I once heard “service” defined as seeing a need and helping to meet it. The Bible speaks about all of us being individual members of the larger body with different gifts and abilities. We all are to use our gifts as we can, we are to be invested in God’s work. You have gifts and abilities that others do not have. What we do does not have to be a “big” project or ministry, nor does it have to be done in the church building, again it is just seeing a need and prayerfully trying to meet that need, just adding your piece, no matter how small it seems to you, to the larger structure of God’s work. I am certainly grateful to all who already do so much in our churches, may God bless.

South East Ayrshire Parish Church

South East Ayrshire Parish Church includes all members from the former Cumnock Old; Cumnock Trinity; Lugar Parish, Muirkirk Parish and New Cumnock Parish. We do hope you find the following information useful and look forward to seeing you in church and at events.

Kirk Session appointments

At the first session meeting the following were appointed: -

Locums

Rev Scott Daily - Cumnock Church & Muirkirk Church

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Rev Ken Yorke - Lugar Church & New Cumnock Church

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Session Clerk - Christine Wilson

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Treasurer - Lilly Stevenson

Places of worship and times of services

Cumnock Church (formerly Cumnock Old) - 10.30am

Lugar Church - 9.45am

Muirkirk Church - 12 noon

New Cumnock Church - 11.15am

You will be very welcome at any service.

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February

Sunday	Service	11.15am
	Sunday School	11.15am
Monday	Open Door	2pm - 4pm
Tuesday 17th	Guild	1.30pm
	New Cumnock Primary School Choir and Poems	
Wednesday	Lugar Hub Café	11.30am - 1.30pm
Wednesday 25th	Guild - Spring Gathering	2pm - 4pm
	The Howard Centre, Kilmarnock	
Wednesday	Prayer Time - Facebook	6.45pm - 7.30pm
Thursday	Coffee Bean	9.45am - 11.45am

March

Sunday 1st	Communion	11.15am
Tuesday 3rd	Guild	2pm - 4pm
	Let us build a house.	
Thursday 5th	Prayers for Schools	4pm
	Cumnock	
Friday 6th	World Day Of Prayer	
	New Cumnock	2pm
	St. Johns Church	7pm
Wednesday 11th	Kirk Session Meeting	7pm
	Cumnock	
Saturday 14th	Daffodil Coffee Morning	10am - 12 noon
Tuesday 17th	Guild - AGM	2pm
	Pie & Peas	
Wednesday 18th	Soup & Sweet Lunch	
	Cumnock Church Hall	

Session

Dear Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself, I am Christine Wilson and at the first Kirk Session meeting of South East Ayrshire Parish Church, on Wednesday 4th February I was appointed as Session Clerk. I have never held the post of Session Clerk before but have been an elder now for 43 years, ordained in New Cumnock church. As Session Clerk, I have asked for a contact in each church that I can liaise with and the following people have volunteered:- Cumnock - Ian Ronald; Lugar - Andrea Middlemiss; Muirkirk - Charlie Nobbs; New Cumnock - Morag Ferrans. If I need information I will contact them and if you have an issue, concern, idea or anything at all that you would like the session to be aware of then please speak to them or indeed any elder and they will pass it on.



As a new church, we are all facing change but I think we all have to be very mindful of the fact that one group of people within our new church are facing the biggest change because they feel that they have lost everything - the familiar building they worshipped in, very possibly for their whole life, and especially their bond as a church family. Please put yourself

in their shoes for a moment and appreciate their feelings. This takes some emotions that we often find difficult, those are empathy and humility. Yes, their church family has extended, just as each of us now has an extended church family, and yes we will welcome everyone among us on a Sunday morning but we also need to be open to each others' ways of working as well as past and current ideas and projects as we move forward because that information may well enhance our way forward. Please also be aware of how we speak about our places of worship, we are now Cumnock Church, Lugar Church, Muirkirk Church and New Cumnock Church forming South East Ayrshire Parish Church. These changes need to show themselves in all communications, posters, banners, intimation sheets, noticeboards etc. The welcome we extend to all who come into our churches needs to extend into all our communities as well and we are all responsible for showing that in all we do and also in all we say.

I was delighted to see such a great turnout of elders at our first session meeting, I do hope that this will continue. Thank you to all who came along and if you are an elder and were unable to come to the first meeting do try to join us at the next one on Wednesday 11th March in Cumnock at 7pm. I look forward to getting to know you all and to working with you all.

Kind regards

Christine Wilson

Session Clerk

New Cumnock Church

New Cumnock church meets at 11.15am each Sunday with our communion services on the first Sunday in March, June, September and December and everyone is very welcome to attend.

On Monday the Open Door group meet from 2-4pm to enjoy fellowship, games and a cuppa. The first and third Tuesday of each month from October to March sees the Guild meeting together from 2-4pm and each Thursday from 9.45am -11.45am the Coffee Bean serve toasties, filled rolls, sandwiches, home-baking, tea and coffee. You will be made most welcome at any of these. Each Wednesday on our Facebook page you can join us in Prayer Time and you can tune in to weekly services on Facebook also, search New Cumnock Church.

Dates to note - Friday 6th March - World Day of Prayer Service at 2pm; Saturday 14th March - Daffodil Coffee morning 10am-12noon Bacon roll, tea/ coffee £3, home-baking 60p each.

Trinity Church

Although the church is no longer open for worship, CAMPS are currently meeting in the Church every Monday and Wednesday to rehearse for their production of Sister Act which will be performed in the church the week beginning Monday 18th May 2026. Tickets will be available nearer the time from CAMPS.

Cumnock Church

Cumnock Church meets at 10:30am each Sunday with two main communion services 2nd Sunday in June and 3rd Sunday in November.

The Guild meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from October to March. Prayers for Schools led by Dr. Ross Adams meet quarterly at 4:00pm on the first Thursday of the Month (March, June, September and December). There is a Soup and Sweet lunch in the church hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (September - June).

Friday 6th March 2026 World Day of Prayer St. Johns Church 7:00pm.

Ian Ronald

Lugar Church

Lugar Church Sunday service is at 9.45 am, with the Rev. Ken Yorke officiating . Everyone is welcome to stay behind after the service for some fellowship with tea and coffee.

Lugar Hub is held in the Cafe area of the Church every Wednesday from 11.30am until 1.30pm. We serve homemade soup, sandwiches, toasties, cakes/biscuits with tea and coffee, there is no charge, but a donation is gratefully received. The Lugar Hub has proved to be an excellent opportunity to reach out to people in the community to renew or create new connections within the community. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there.



New Cumnock Church



Daffodil Coffee & Crafts

Saturday 14th March 2026

in Church Hall

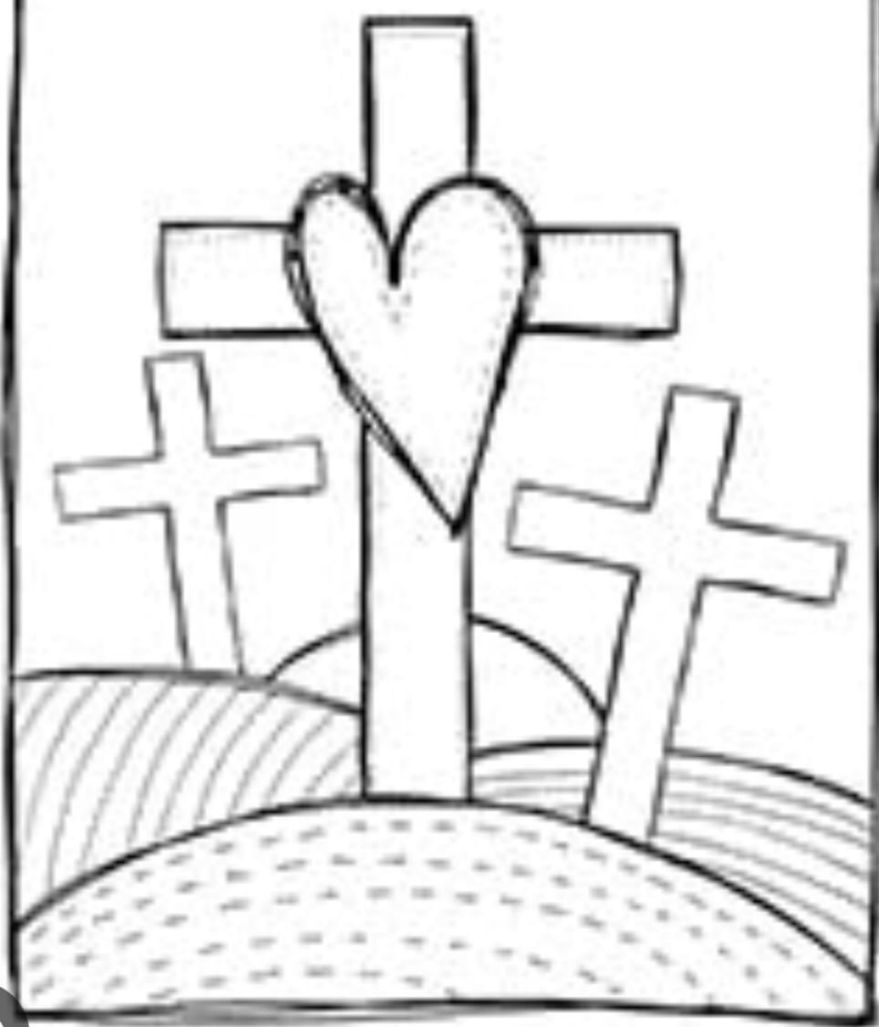
10.00am - 12.00noon

Tea / Coffee & bacon roll £3

Cakes etc 60p each



HAPPY EASTER







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GUILD

Time is flying past and since the beginning of the year we have had three meetings of the Guild. Rev Ken Yorke came and spoke a bit about his own life and our church situation as we go forward into a union. He also invited any questions members may have – and they came up with quite a few! It was a very enlightening afternoon. Ian McMeekin came and spoke about the Fire Service and, apart from responding in different emergency situations, told us about all the preventative measures they take and activities they are involved in with all age groups. It was a very enlightening afternoon as well! Members also had the opportunity to play traditional games at another meeting. It was great fun and no cheating! (I don't think!). We look forward to our next meeting when New Cumnock Primary School will come along and its winners will recite Burns poetry and the choir will sing. Everyone welcome to join the Guild.

“Encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.” 2 Cor: 13: 11b

Carol Ann McEwan

Secretary



FLOWER GUILD

Spring is in the air as we look around our countryside, spring bulbs are starting to pop their heads up through the frosty ground and the little lambs are appearing in our fields what a wonderful sight. It seems such a long time since Christmas when we the ladies of our Flower Guild enjoyed an outing to Heathfield shopping centre in Ayr where we started off with coffee and cake, we then had a browse around all the lovely Christmas goodies on display and purchased a few things for our Church displays. We then headed to The View in Troon where we had a lovely lunch and a good old blether, a lovely day was had by all.

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

Our next date on the calendar will be at Easter when again our Church will be tastefully dressed for this special time of year .

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 ;

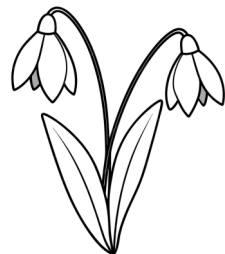
In cocoons a hidden promise ; butterflies will soon be free !

*In the cold and snow of winter
they's a spring that waits to be ,*

*unrevealed until a season ,
something God alone can see .*

Lottie Hill

Flower Guild Convenor



Finance

There is a new treasurer but at the moment the finance committee will bank the offerings and any other donations until the new Bank account is set up.

Isabel McDicken
Finance Convener



*When our paths grow steep and rough, and clouds obscure the sun,
As problems raised there worried heads, we lose our sense of fun,
But love was there through troubled times to ease our hurt away,
With caring thoughts and a gentle touch, it helps us through each
day, So as the road goes winding on, step bravely, mile by mile,
Through sun and showers hope and joy, The journey is worthwhile.
May God be always close to you, whatever you may find,
And give you courage, faith and joy, And healing peace of mind.*

When the weather is cold and dull, and you are feeling down and gloomy, Consider this quote from a well known writer,
*"Before you put on a frown,
make absolutely sure there are no smiles around."*

*The Person who shows courtesy reaps friendship,
and the person who plants kindness Gathers love.*

Isabel McDicken

Sunday School

*I'M GONNA JUMP UP AND DOWN,
SPIN RIGHT ROUND,
PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER!!!*

Could this be the song sung by the man who had been paralysed for many years? As strength came into his legs and he stood up. What did he say???

Our children have been looking intently at this story from Mark ch 2 , through craft and drama. Look out for their model of the house with the hole in the roof showing the 4 friends scrambling desperately to get to Jesus. They love drama and it's great to see them really getting into the "nuts and bolts" of the Gospel, stories. The story of Jesus healing the paralyzed man is on the Church Facebook page for our Sunday School Children to watch. Please encourage other children you know to watch the story too. There's nothing more important than sharing the stories of Jesus with our children!

In January we thought some more about God sending His son Jesus for the whole world and the strong bonds of Christian love reaching right around the world. The children learned a little more about Malawi and our partner congregation there. Also about Rev Maggie in Hong Kong and her work in Kowloon with the refugees. It was great for the children to be able to send cards and letters to the congregation in Malawi and also to Rev Maggie.

Please celebrate and pray for the children God has placed in our

Church family. There is nothing more important you can do for them.

Is there any child you could encourage to come along on a Sunday or even better is there a child you can bring to Church along with you?

What a privilege and honour it is to share the good news of Jesus with the next generation as they at times struggle to navigate this strange and confusing world we live in. Please pray for the Sunday School leaders .

with love in Jesus,

from all at Sunday School



Coffee Bean

We resumed our weekly get together on January 8th 2026 and we have been very busy. We are open from 9.45 – 11.45 am each Thursday morning from 08.01.26 – 18.06.26 and 20.08.26 – 03.12.26. We are now in our 42nd year. Many friendships have been made over the years and we extend a warm welcome for you to join us.

We are grateful for all the lovely and varied baking we receive each week. Many thanks for all the donations we receive, money, tea, coffee & sugar etc. Thanks are expressed to our loyal band of workers who come along each week and to the workers who come along when needed. We thank Andy and Caroline for setting up the hall. We need you all. Sincere thanks to all our customers who come from far and wide. We look forward to seeing you each week.



If you bake and would like to help on our 4 weekly rota then please speak to me for more information.

The new blind in the kitchen is now in place.

A breath of prayer in the morning, means a day of blessing sure –

A breath of prayer in the evening, means a night of rest secure.

A breath of prayer in rejoicing, gives joy and added delight.

For they that remember God's goodness, go singing far into the night.

Love and blessings to you all,

Mary (McCormack) 07821891626

Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who helped to deliver Christmas Cards, it was very much appreciated.

Thank you to Summer , Daniel and Maisie for designing our Christmas Cards .



MALAWI

If you have “Change for Malawi”, please give it to Fiona Ferrans.

Funerals

12.12.25 William Billy Scott, 54 Lime Road
22.12.25 Margaret Steele, 32 Lochview
07.01.26 Rena McCrorie
13.01.26 Marion Beattie
16.01.26 Janet McCrindle 15 Afton Road, New Cumnock

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 CHURCH

COMMUNICANTS INVITATION

You are invited to join us for
Communion

Sunday 1st March 2026

11.15 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.