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Before and after!
40 years of
ministry!
Congratulations,
Kenny!

More photos inside!



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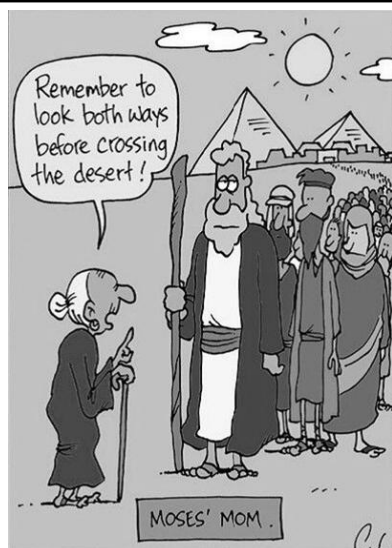
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Oh the heat, the heat! The terrible terrible heat! No, I'm not complaining – but you have to admit we're not used to it, are we – well, not for this length of time? A day here, a day there... and then back to the rain. That's

more the Scottish weather we know and love! But here I sit, writing this in temperatures of 27/29 degrees... every window and even the door is open... and the sunlight streams in inviting me to stop writing in order to go through my front door and spend time outside in the garden instead. Sigh.

Whilst I resist the temptation to step through that particular door it does call to mind a podcast I listened to as I ran the other day – it was by John Ortberg and it was called 'God of the Open Door'.



What Ortberg said in the podcast made me think what a welcoming image an 'open door' is. – We open the church doors wide on a Sunday morning... our churches join in 'Doors Open Day' in September every year... and we say our 'door is always open' when talking to

friends whom we'd like to see again. These are open doors which invite us *into* somewhere – but there are also the open doors which face out the way – to somewhere we haven't been yet... to new experiences. Perhaps they might include the open door of a new job, a new home, a new country, a new place to explore. Maybe many of us will be going through such open doors this summer time. There are many different kinds of open doors.

Now we may find open doors scary... but I think they are also often inviting... exciting... and they should entice us forward. Throughout the ages God has called so many through the Open Door of His opportunities – just think of Abraham whose door led him to journey with Yahweh to lands unknown... Jonah who initially refused to go through the Open Door of preaching to the people

of Nineveh... Peter, James and John who gladly went through their door to the way of discipleship... and then there is the rich young man - who found it too hard to step through the door, firmly closing it as he walked away from Jesus.

God doesn't make us go through His open doors – it is always our choice, our turning, our decision. They are not compulsory – and sometimes God may even give us more than one door at a time to choose between.

But why does God open doors for us? I think it is so that we might receive and give blessing.... Receive blessing from other people... and BE a blessing to others. Abraham received blessing through a family as 'numerous as the stars'... Noah received blessing through salvation from the waters... Elisha received blessing from Elijah as he took on his mantle... and then proceeded to give blessings in his turn to those in need in his own ministry... Mary received news from the Angel Gabriel and sang about her blessing in the Magnificat.

And these things don't just happen in the 'olden, Biblical days'. Today the converted and transformed New York gang member Nicky Cruz gives blessing in abundance as he travels the world spreading the Word to new audiences today.... Corrie Ten Boom received blessings even as she dwelt in the darkness of Auschwitz... and Ray O'Keefe is a blessing to many a struggling alcoholic through his testimony of recovery.

And we are no different.... even if we receive and give blessings in less dramatic ways: A hug when we feel down... a text from someone who is thinking of us... a smile from a stranger... a word of encouragement when life is tough.... a belly laugh in good company... these are all open doors where we can receive such blessing. And as we receive so should we give. Every day there are wee open doors to make someone else's day a little better, a little shinier, a little happier... opportunities to help, laugh, be kind and compassionate. Look for those doors. Step through those doors. And make the world just that wee bit brighter.

With love, Liz

Dates for your Diary!

Saturday 28th July

**"EVERYTHING'S GONNA
be ALRIGHT!"**

Caribbean Afternoon

An afternoon of food (Caribbean Jerk Chicken), dancing and much hilarity in St Augustine's Church!

Exact time TBA –
but watch out for more details,
come along and feel relaxed!



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Friday 3rd August
7.30pm

Kyiv Classic Accordion Duo

An evening of easy listening music and entertainment!

We will be welcoming to St Augustine's Church Igor and Oleks who yet again are giving up some of their summer holidays to raise money for the children and young people that are still being affected by the Chernobyl nuclear explosion.

Entry is free. Donations are welcome.

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Saturday 4th August 11am
Institution of
Rev Canon Dominic Ind,
St Michael's and All Angels,
Helensburgh

You are all warmly invited to come and join the Bishop in welcoming Dominic and his wife to our Region. Dominic comes to us from a parish in Bridge of Allan. He previously served in the parishes of Cambuslang and also Uddingston.

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From Kenny...

Unfortunately, at the moment, I'm rather immobile after a rather nasty accident which ended in a five-day visit to hospital. I know I can count on your prayers for me, and for that I am grateful. It threatens to be a rather long haul before I get back to normal again.

I am grateful for your prayers and am very grateful too, for the unforgettable celebration which marked the 40th Anniversary of my Ordination. It was a truly wonderful day for me. The good wishes and kind words were more than I deserved. Thank you to all who made this day such a special one.

The beautiful stole and incredible icon which I was given by the congregations of St. Augustine's and St Mungo's will perpetuate the fantastic memories I have of the day itself, and the photo montages are a perpetual reminder of the people and places I have been involved with over the years. Such care and thought had been taken by so many and I'm rather overwhelmed by it all. It was an opportunity for me to give thanks to God for all that has been achieved in spite of me, and a reminder of how Our Lord can use us to bring about Kingdom of heaven stuff while we are on earth.

My thanks to both vestries, congregations, and to Liz for everything. Your kindness and generosity will not be forgotten.

It has made me think deeply about gratitude and how grateful we should be for all that God has given us. It is very easy to go on our way in life rejoicing, without pausing to express our gratitude to God, as the tenth leper did! God has blessed me with so much, and God's presence in my life and ministry, as I look back, has not always been fully appreciated. This cairn along the road has helped me to reflect on how grateful I should be.

So, thank you all for your gifts, cards and good wishes. The buffet was incredible and we could have fed 5,000 with the leftovers!

Kenny

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'You need hands to hold someone you care for' – that song of 1958 reminds us how hands can convey a wide range of gestures and meanings. Hands to embrace, hands to signal 'Stop,' hands to sound out applause, and hands to show welcome. In the life of the church, we can think of sacraments that mark out the individual Christian with the laying on of hands at confirmation and ordination. We can look at the priest at the eucharist where hands offer the peace, take bread and wine, and bless. In church windows and paintings, we often see the right hand of God emerging from a cloud: a sign that takes us back to the opening chapter of Genesis and God's mighty work of creation.



It is the theme of that incredible ceiling in the Sistine Chapel painted by Michelangelo: 65 feet above the ground and showing a vast array of 300 figures – sibyls and prophets and scenes from Genesis. On the far wall of the chapel the hand of Jesus is raised in judgement, but at the centre of the ceiling the hand of God reaches out to bring life to the body of Adam. Later, the right hand of God will draw forth Eve from the sleeping form of Adam: the only panel in which God stands on the earth. In this central panel God is like an elemental force soaring through the sky and surrounded by 12 figures. Adam looks up, patient and expectant, meeting the concentrated gaze of God, who reaches out to animate and inspire. As his patron and ally, Pope Julius II was not at all well at this time, and so Michelangelo worked at breakneck speed to complete the ceiling. This scene took just three weeks in 1511. We look up and ponder the hand of the Creator in heaven, and we give thanks for the creative hand of the artist on earth.

Dumbarton Gambia Education Association
Scottish Charity no: SC 036449
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Dumbarton.



Dumbarton nursery school embarked on an educational school visit on Friday the 22nd of June 2018, which took us to the Banjul International Airport, Tanjeh Camel Safari and Sanyang beach side.

At the airport the students were divided into two groups accompanied by the staff and some parents for a conducted tour guided by personnel from the civil aviation authorities. They explained in detail to the children the various functions of the



different departments in the terminal building. The children had the opportunity to visit the checking lounge, screening room where they were shown how people and bags are screened, the departure hall and landing side. Luckily enough one of the groups of students and staff witnessed a landing of a plane for the first time. The students also visited the arrival hall and met some custom officials who explained their roles and responsibilities concerning the taxes and regulations around the importing and exporting of stuff.

From the airport our next stop was at the Tanjeh Camel Safari. Again the officer in charge of the camels welcomed us and briefly explained how the camel safari had been established and how many litres of water a camel can drink in one go... (more than 30 gallons of water in less than 15



minutes!!) After this some brave students took turns to touch and climb on the camels and took some pictures. For most of them it was the first time seeing a camel live and they enjoyed interacting with the friendly camels.

Finally, we drove to the popular Sanyang beach side where we had lots of fun and lunch.

In conclusion, on behalf of the students, parents, staff and on my own humble behalf I would like to thank Caroline Marsland, her family members and her friends for sponsoring the visit by providing transport, refreshments, snacks and lunch at no cost the students and their parents.



I would also like to thank Dumbarton Gambia Education Association (DGEA) for continuing to provide a stimulating and learning environment which meets the needs of these innocent poor children. Without all of your help and support none of the above would be possible. We looked forward to an even more successful trip next year!

With lots of love and admiration from the
students, parents, and staff
Sulayman Saidy, Head teacher

Universal Credit not working, says Churches

A benefit system which drives families into debt and leaves people hungry is a failing benefit system, say a number of Churches in the UK. The Baptist Union, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, have all commented on the recent release of the National Audit Office (NAO) report, Rolling out Universal Credit.

In a statement, they say:

‘Churches have repeatedly expressed concerns about Universal Credit and the damaging effects it is having on communities. The NAO’s findings are deeply concerning but not a surprise.

‘The NAO report states that that Universal Credit is not value for money and failing to meet its financial objectives. Most importantly, it is the first official document to take seriously the concerns of claimants and acknowledge the problems they are facing.

‘Churches around the country are supporting people who are affected by Universal Credit. It is clear that lives are being damaged by Universal Credit.

‘Half of people receiving Universal Credit report going into debt. This is the result of delayed, inadequate, and irregular payments. It makes budgeting impossible and can make debt inevitable. The DWP’s own figures show that 4 in 10 people reported serious financial difficulties, whilst 1 in 10 waited more than 11 weeks for payment.

‘In Universal Credit areas foodbank use went up 52%, whereas in other areas it was 13%. The case is incontrovertible. Universal Credit is failing, and the poorest are suffering the consequences. A benefit system which drives families into debt and leaves them hungry is a failing benefit system.’

Universal Credit in our area is due to be rolled out in November of this year... just before Christmas... If it takes 12 weeks to process the payment this will mean the person will have to survive with NO money from November to the end of January. ☹

India – 7th State passes anti-conversion law

A seventh state in India has become the latest to pass an anti-conversion law, which Christians say

will be used by right-wing Hindu nationalists to persecute Christians.

The new law requires clergy who lead a person to Christ to give one month’s notice before doing so, which will spark a police investigation into the proposed conversion. And individuals wanting to change their religion must first get permission from the state government.

‘These so-called ‘Freedom of Religion’ laws have exactly the opposite effect,’ says Paul Robinson of Release International, which supports persecuted Christians around the world.

‘They are intended to limit the freedom of individuals to change their faith, and the freedom of Christians to share their faith. These laws are the result of a hard-line Hindu backlash to prevent the spread of Christianity in India.’ Christians in Uttarakhand who share their faith could now face a jail sentence of up to five years.

Hindu militants are alarmed by the spread of the Christian faith among the Dalit underclass. These so-called untouchables, who fall beneath the caste system, are responding to the Christian message that they are loved and valued.

India is seeing the rise of Hindutva, or extreme Hindu nationalism, which believes that to be Indian is to be a Hindu. Hindu radicals have made death threats against Christians and have ordered them to close their churches.

Beware foreign plants

Gardeners have been told by government ministers not to bring back plants from holiday, in order to stop them inadvertently introducing an invasive species into the UK.

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs officials are becoming increasingly concerned about water-borne threats such as the *Dikerogammarus villosus*, or killer shrimp; *Didemnum vexillum*, the carpet sea squirt, and *Dreissena bugensis*, the quagga mussel. These can clog up waterways and pipes, or smother reefs. As one expert explained: “we need to raise awareness of biosecurity.”

One of the main risks is for invasive non-native species to be accidentally brought into the UK by people who take part in angling, canoeing, or boating abroad.

Chrissie's big birthday surprise

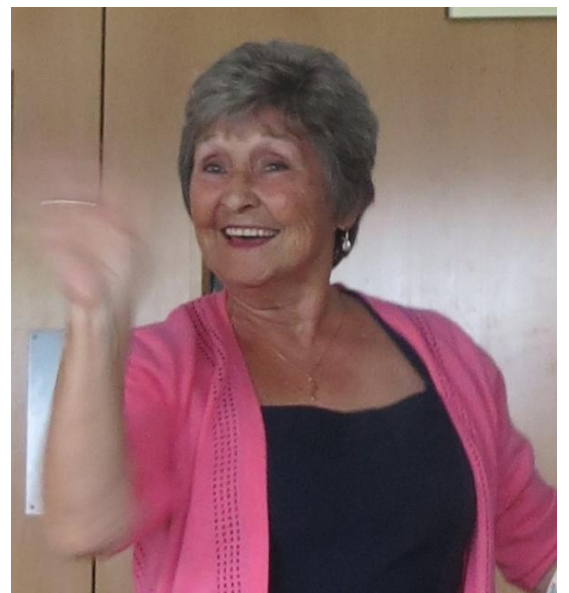
The guests from St Aug's awaiting her arrival



The birthday cake with hymn book and gin bottle!



The birthday girl: she thought she was going to a Ladies' Night. Tilda thought differently!

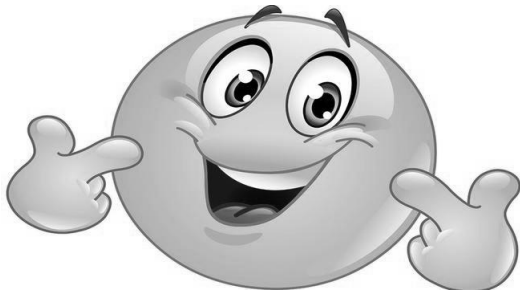




What A Happy Day!

The community converged on St Augustine's on June 24th at Ilam to join in the celebrations for and with Kenny. We gave thanks for his ministry and for all the ways God works through all our lives. St Augustine's congregation gave him a beautiful white stole; St Mungo's congregation gave him a 300 year old icon; and then he was given two montages - one of the places he had served in,, and secondly the people whom he served throughout the years. We sang, we laughed and yes, we celebrated!

Smile Lines



Inner peace

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment ,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without wine,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
.....then you are probably the family dog.

Scared?

As a sergeant in a parachute regiment, I took part in several night-time exercises. Once, I was seated next to a lieutenant fresh from jump school. He was quiet and looked a bit pale, so I struck up a conversation. "Scared, lieutenant?" I asked. He replied, 'No, just a bit apprehensive.' I asked, 'What's the difference?' He sheepishly replied, 'That means I'm scared, but with a university education.'

Untimely answered prayer

During the minister's sermon one Sunday, there was suddenly a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Jamie's mother was horrified. She glared him into silence and, after church, asked, 'Jamie, whatever made you do such a thing?' Jamie explained: 'I've been asking God to teach me to whistle for ages, and suddenly, He did!'

You know you are living in 2018 when....

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of five.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.

5. You e-mail your children upstairs to tell them dinner is ready.
6. You arrive home and use your mobile to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the shopping.
7. Leaving the house without your mobile, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for total panic.

No, not any

The manager of the garden centre came out of his office to hear Jenkins, one of his most trusted assistants, saying to a lady customer: 'No madam, we certainly haven't had any for some time, and who knows when we will get any.'

When the customer had gone, the manager tackled him: 'I heard that, Jenkins,' he remonstrated, 'and I must say that I am surprised at you. Never, never admit to a customer that we can't get them something. That's what we're here for. If it's out of stock, tell her you'll get it for her soon. Now, what was it the lady wanted?'

'Rain,' said Jenkins simply.

Here for what?

A parishioner was confiding to his vicar: 'When you get to my age, you spend a lot more time thinking about the hereafter.'

'That's good,' approved the vicar, 'and what do you conclude?'

'Nothing much,' went on the parishioner. 'It's just that more and more I find myself going into a room and thinking 'now what on earth did I come in here after?'

Confession

On the way to church to make his first Confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect. 'Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest,' I told him.

He looked relieved. 'Good. I don't think I've yet done anything bad to the priest.'

Funeral preparation

Not long after I arrived to be curate at a small church in a village, the phone rang, and a man asked for the minister. He wanted to know which Scripture verses applied to funeral services. I gave him several references, and he jotted them down. 'But what about the "ashes to ashes, dust to dust" part?' he asked. I read it to him slowly.

Then, intending to offer him some sympathy, as well as to take the funeral for him, I gently inquired who had died. He sighed. 'My daughter's rabbit.'

“Say Hello and wave goodbye” Food For Thought Update

A big Hello and thank you to Nando's restaurant in Clydebank, who are supplying us with chicken (and it's really nice chicken too!) on a weekly basis. We use it to feed the hungry and the lonely usually at our Thursday Community Soup. On Thursday 28th June 53 (!) people enjoyed a roast chicken dinner in the church, despite the competing summer heat outside! It's brilliant to be able to offer a substantial meal made from such good quality stuff – so far we've served up chicken salad, chicken lasagne and roast chicken! The only question is - how many more chicken recipes do I know.... (hmmm)... recipes would be most welcome, folks!

I may publish these at a later date, lol.



Hello again to the Stag's Head pub in Dumbarton East! They have been brilliant for sponsoring our wee charity in the past and they continue to remember us. Just recently Diane brought us another £515, which they recently raised by holding a pub quiz. (A pub quiz in which the winning team had a certain Roddy Dyer in it!!) Sincere thanks to all who took part and for the continued support we receive.

Hello from all the children in P1, P2 and P3 of



Bonhill school. They collected and donated an ENORMOUS pile of food to us. Thank you kids – you have made the world a better place!



Lastly, Goodbye and thank you to Marks and Spencer's, St James Retail Park. Thank you for having us as your charity of the year last year and for all the wonderful food you provided us with every Wednesday and Thursday. It was wonderful to be able to give such a variety of cakes, treats, and lovely food (not just any food – M&S food!) to people on a weekly basis. Thank you also for the extra food you gave us at Christmas and New Year – the shopping for the Christmas meal was very much reduced because of your generosity.



Pisky Club You gotta be in it to win it!

The Pisky 100 Club has been going for 20 years and has raised and donated thousands of pounds to the church over that time. At the moment we only have 37 members and some of those people have more than one number. **It would be good if we could have more members.** The cost of being involved is £5 month or £15 quarterly – usually paid by standing order. We make a draw every month – with the prize of £100! There are two bigger draws in the year – and in the most recent draw (last Sunday) Kenny/Linda won £125 and the church got £300! **Please see me for membership forms.** ☺ Thank you. Barbara



'Wait Till I Tell You.....'

Janette, back from a wee sail round the Med., enjoys the even higher temperatures of an extraordinary, record breaking 2018 Scottish summer.

ENJOYING THE HEATWAVE?

'Keep Sweatin' and Carry on' should be this summer's mantra particularly for those whom lounging around under a shady umbrella is not an option and even sleeping does not come easy. Going shopping is a *trachle* with heavy bags, grumpy parkers and airless buses to say nothing of trains with melting components. Add to that the spreading bush fires, threatened hosepipe bans and overheated politicians. No wonder some folks are saying 'bring back the beast from the east!' 'Lovely day' is now becoming just a little annoying and watching the Weather Forecast is about as exciting as watching paint dry. And as for watering these plants every night - now that's a chore!

But we're all looking so much the better for it. The clientele on the Westcliff bus are tanned, glowing and sporting summer fashions to display their bodies to full advantage. Anoraks – no more! Bunnets – no more! For the young ladies the only look is destroyed shorts, threatening to fray into oblivion – the skimpier and more revealing the better! Not all legs can carry this off – some are attached to owners who are obviously unaware of the view from behind when exiting the bus. Men, as a whole, go for the baggy, half-mast summer trouser pulled in just below the knee with a trailing cord. This means they can be pulled out comfortably at the bulging waist and overlaid with a sleeveless T-shirt. This look is perfect for emphasizing the multiplicity of gaudy tattoos and averting the eye from the 'chicken' legs, so prevalent in the West of Scotland male. For the mature lady the favourite is big, flappy, brightly coloured palazzo pants hung from an elasticated waist and topped with last year's runaway sensation - the 'aff the sho'oder tap'. This is a real cool look hiding a multitude of imperfections until a freely floating trouser leg becomes entangled with the wheel of a shopping trolley!

Aye, all manner of haute couture can be seen in a hoat Dumbarton High Street!

SINGALONG WITH ARLENE!

June faded out with an important visitor to our shores bringing a *daud* of Ulster culture and a great proposal to build a bridge between Scotland and her native land.

Tune: Galway Bay.

Oh, when Arlene came across the sea from Ireland

*For a walk, a talk and Cowdenbeath High Tea.
She wis ferr impressed and made a big proposal
Tae build a bridge across the Irish Sea!*

*Oh, she's goin' tae see her best pal – big Theresa
A wumman wi' a magic money tree
Fur she knows that Theresa's always keen tae
please her
They'll soon be walking o'er the Irish Sea!*

*Give less money tae the NHS and Army
Get the folks tae keep oan workin' till they dee!
For Arlene's Celtic Bridge is not too barmy
Let's build a bridge across the Irish Sea!*

KENNY'S DIACONATE 'DO' HAS THE WOW FACTOR.

The last Sunday in June was a great day in the annals of St. Augustine's when Kenny invited everyone in the known world and Facebook to celebrate the anniversary of his ordination 40 years ago! Bishop Gregor was there, reminiscing on his last visit for a memorable role in a Friends' pantodine and also many of Kenny's friends and family. St. Mungo's folk travelled all the way from the Vale, the Church was full and the Hall overflowing when the buffet was uncovered. But as ever at St. Aug's, space was made for everyone, gifts were presented and many memories exchanged. Wow!

DEADLINES AND PANTOMIMES.

Well, this is a big week for our hardworking Prime Minister who seems to be facing those Europeans singlehanded while keeping her own MPs from waging war on each other! This Friday she has invited all her Cabinet members to an away-day at Chequers, her beautiful country residence, and will endeavour to get them to agree about something - anything! Theresa, in hostess apron, will also have to dust and Hoover for their arrival and ensure that there's enough food in her big fridge to give them their tea. And she has to allocate Boris a seat in the shade to keep any nonsense at an acceptable level.

But, the Brexit deadline is 29th March 2019. On this day we are out – deal or no deal! And she is not being allowed to forget it. Tusk (pronounced Toosk) is getting quite animated, even masterful! *'We need to get decisions and the agreement of the British Government before October. There's not much time to negotiate'* he exhorts. *'Geeza a brekk, Donald,'* Theresa would say if she knew how to say it.

But, don't worry, hen - everybody has deadlines these days – stress is a way of life and keeps us slim. Down at DPT we've got a similar situation. We have our own pantomime to write that has a script deadline of October as well and we've only just started. *'Keep the heid!'*

BEWARE OF UPSKIRTING.

When I go off on holiday I keep up to date with all the news of home on Sky and this year I was horrified to hear of the furore in parliament over the disgusting practice of upskirting. What is the world coming to? That would never happen in Dumbarton or the Vale, I thought.

Upskirting, or its Scottish equivalent upkilting, is the taking of a photograph, unknown to the victim, of the view beneath a lady's skirt. With today's technology all manner of strange behavior is possible and could result in it being posted on the social media.

Jings, crivvens and help ma Boab! I remember, in days of yore, being urged always to venture out in clean and respectable underwear in case of being hit by a bus! Well, you would see a bus coming, wouldn't you? You might not be aware of some 'heidbanger' with a phone on a stick trying to photograph your frillies while waiting to cross Glasgow Road or hanging about in a Post Office queue. And worse, you could be wearing your big knickers that day! Be warned!!!

WIMBLEDON WOES



Oh dear, it won't be the same this year without Andy. He's not fully recovered from hip surgery

and his anxious Mother, Judy, says he is not yet ready for a five set match. Let's hope he gets his athleticism and stamina back soon before his competitive spirit tempts him to join his *local boolin' club!*

FRIENDS' OUTING WITH A FULL BUS!

Friends' annual bus outing is on 12th August this year and will be down the Clyde Valley to New Lanark Visitor Centre and on to Lanark for a delicious Fish Tea. Let's hope St Swithin works his magic on 15th July and causes the summer weather to extend the legendary 40 days that will take in our outing. We leave after the 11am Eucharist with time for a quick cup of tea if the sermon's short. Watch for the notice in the Community Hall and if your name's not there, join the waiting list. Fully inclusive cost – great value at thirty pounds!

NOW GET OUT AND ENJOY THE SUNSHINE!

It's going to last all summer and already we've had a radio programme with a phone in for those who *'canny stick it!'* and are looking forward to the nights *'ferr drawin' in!'*

Alastair Reid's wonderful poem, simply called 'Scotland', sums up our attitude to heatwaves in our native land and the *'ancient misery'* that makes us afraid to enjoy them. Picture it.

*It was a day peculiar to this piece of the planet
When larks rose in long thin strings of singing
And the air shifted with the shimmer of actual
angels....'*

OK, maybe it's not a picture of Castlehill but Levensgrove's pretty scenic.

And just when the verse is getting even more euphoric about it, Alastair ends with the woman from the Fish Shop, in her raincoat, warning us all:

'We'll pay for it! We'll pay for it! We'll pay for it!'

It certainly sums us up!

Next month we'll be thinking of our winter activities and hopefully Friends will have some wee nights planned to tempt you away from the fire! Read all about it in the September issue of 'By the Way Together' – available at a Church near you.

Janette

Scruffy

Scruffy is a little dog, he's less than one foot tall
His hair, all sticky-outy, doesn't make him look
less small.
But for all his lack of inches what sets our Scruff
apart –
Within his doggy ribcage there beats a lion's
heart.

For Scruffy loves his Master he loves his Mistress,
too!

To keep them safe from danger there's nothing he
won't do!

Some dogs are loud and barksy, some dogs are not
so cute,

Some half the size of horses – he doesn't give a
hoot!

If Scruffy senses trouble his courage does not lack
He growls and barks and races straight into the
attack!

Twelve inches of pure fury the fiercest, big or
small

Turn tail and flee for safety they don't like that at
all!

Despite his fearless ardour his vigil, night and day
To keep his folk from danger and trouble, come
what may.

What thanks for all his courage? What prize, for
all that slog?

No! All he gets from Master:

"Be quiet, you stupid dog!"

By Nigel Beeton



I Must Go Down To The Sea Again

I must go down to the sea again,
To the lonely sea and the sky;
I left my shoes and socks there –
I wonder if they're dry?

Spike Milligan

Hot Weather?

When sunbathing out with my chum,
He said "This is no fun!
From my toes to my hair
I am medium rare
And have a barbequed steak for a
tum!"

John Russell

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?

Thou art more lovely and more temperate:

Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,

And summer's lease hath all too short a date:

Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,

And often is his gold complexion dimmed,

And every fair from fair sometime declines,

By chance, or nature's changing course
untrimmed:

But thy eternal summer shall not fade,

Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,

Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,

When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st,

So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,

So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

Sonnet 18 William. Shakespeare

You stare at me intensely boring into me soul

But you cannot reach me for I am a child of
Abraham

And can withstand your hatred of me

You cannot tempt me nor make me bend to your
rules

For I am child of David and will not be swayed

You try to trick me into disobedience mocking me

Mock if you like for I am a child of Mary

You blame me for all the wars around the world

Where brother fights brother and nation against
nation

But you cannot blame me as I am a child of God

And will never fall into your clutches so easily

For now I have been saved from you

From my gambling and sinful ways

My repentance is true and faithful

And now I follow my God through prayer and

good deeds
Following the rules that Moses laid down for all
humanity

I will not be betrayed by you or any other false
God or idols

For I am child of God

Anne Bardsley

ROTAS FOR ST MUNGO'S

Sunday July 15th

Reader/Intercessions	Lynne McWhinnie
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Andrew Baxter

Sunday July 22nd

Reader/Intercessions	Anne Bardsley
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Phil O'Ryan

Sunday July 29th

Reader/Intercessions	Lewis Kennedy
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Andrew Baxter

Sunday August 5th

Reader/Intercessions	Clergy
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Carol Meacham

Sunday August 12th

Reader/Intercessions	Pat Brooks
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Andrew Baxter

Sunday August 19th

Reader/Intercessions	Carol Meacham
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Phil O'Ryan

Sunday August 26th

Reader/Intercessions	Lynne McWhinnie
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Andrew Baxter

Sunday September 2nd

Reader/Intercessions	Clergy
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Lynne McWhinnie

Sunday September 9th

Reader/Intercessions	Clergy
Sidesperson	Ian Marshall
Music	Phil O'Ryan

CLEANING

July 1st Iona and Mary
July 8th Margaret
July 15th Jean
July 22nd Finella (flowers)

HALL CLEANING

July 8th / August 19th June Alderdice
July 15th / August 26th Lynne McWhinnie
July 22nd / September 2nd Rev Liz
July 29th / Sept 9th Carol Meacham
August 5th Val and Billy
August 12th Jim Biddulph

ROTA FOR ST AUGUSTINE'S

Sunday July 15th

Readers	Evelyn O'Neill & Ghislaine
Intercessions	David Rowatt
Chalice	Fran Walker & Sharon Rowatt
Sidespersons	Chrissie Ashman & Roberta Mailley

Sunday July 22nd

Readers	Sharon Rowatt & Roddy Dyer
Intercessions	Linda Macaulay
Chalice	David Rowatt & Maggie Wallace
Sidespersons	Roddy Dyer & Barbara Barnes

Sunday July 29th

Readers	Janette B & Maggie Wallace
Intercessions	Dot Russell
Chalice	Barbara Barnes & Margaret Hardie
Sidespersons	Maggie Wallace & Lorraine McC

Sunday August 5th

Readers	Kirsten W & Barbara Barnes
Intercessions	Swaran Rakhra
Chalice	Fran Walker & Janette Barnes
Sidespersons	Margaret Swan & David Ansell

Sunday August 12th

Readers	David Rowatt & Morag O'Neill
Intercessions	Maggie Wallace
Chalice	Sharon Rowatt & Kirsten W
Sidespersons	Chrissie Ashman & Roberta Mailley

Sunday August 19th

Readers	Linda Macaulay & Swaran Rakhra
Intercessions	Fran Walker
Chalice	Maggie Wallace & Barbara B
Sidespersons	Cathie Hoatsen & Linda J

Sunday August 26th

Readers	Fran Walker & David Ansell
Intercessions	Margaret Hardie
Chalice	Janette Barnes & David Rowatt
Sidespersons	Maggie Wallace & Lorraine McC

Sunday September 2nd

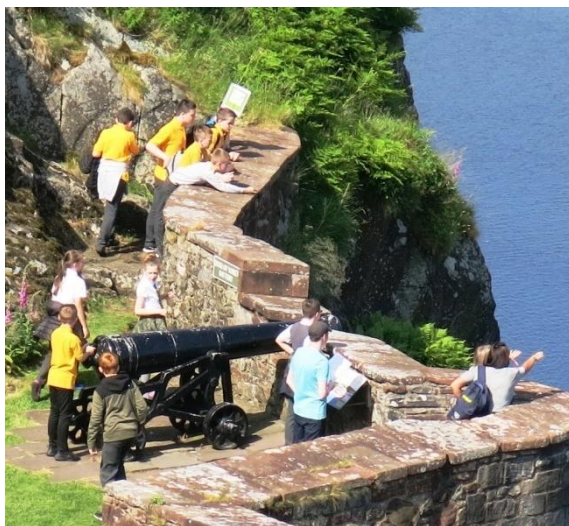
Readers	Margaret Hardie & Dot Russell
Intercessions	Sharon Rowatt
Chalice	Maggie Wallace & Kirsten W
Sidespersons	Barbara Barnes & Roddy Dyer

Flowers

July 15th / Aug 19th Fran Walker
July 22nd / Sept 2nd Linda Macaulay
July 29th / Aug 26th Barbara Barnes
Aug 5th Maggie Wallace
August 12th Moira McGowan



What a glorious day to accompany many groups of excited children up Dumbarton Castle! Organised by Dumbarton Christian Heritage it celebrated St Columba's Day.



What can you see from the top??