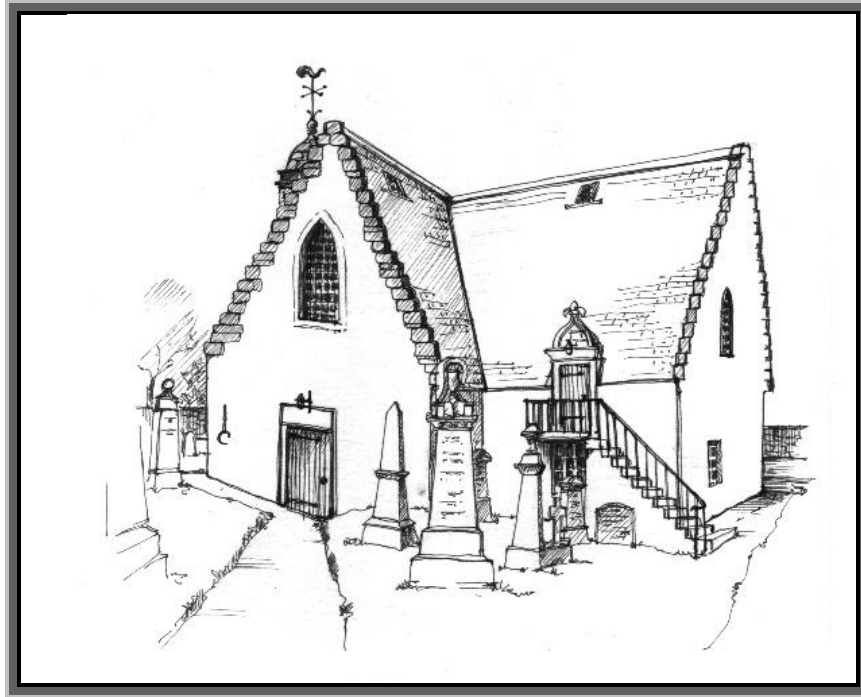


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Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

April is the month of lighter evenings, warmer weather, grass growing, school holidays, early morning birdsong, yellow gorse, blue skies for some of the time at least, and a great many lambs in the fields. One of my favourite sights is lambs enjoying the sun, secure in their mother's feeding, watchful care and resting in the warm grass with their noses and ears raised up to the warmth of the sunshine.

Easter may be past but one of the most famous and well loved anthems of this time is 'All in the April Evening' and most choirs enjoy the chance to sing it in its season. Fenwick Church Choir is no exception, it is being rehearsed for our very slightly late Easter Celebration Service at Hallhouse on the 10th of this month.

This anthem, 'All in the April Evening' was written by Sir Hugh S. Robertson who for many years was the conductor of the world famous Glasgow Orpheus Choir. He founded the choir in 1906 and was its conductor until 1951 and for many of these years, the choir had no equal. Its standard of music was acclaimed nationally and Sir Hugh Robertson was instrumental in developing the blended voice sound and the musical interpretation and standards for which the choir was famous.

The choir enjoyed world fame and in 1931 he was knighted in the New Years Honours List, yet he and the Glasgow Orpheus Choir were banned from performing for the BBC during the war years because of his membership of the Peace Pledge Union.

Sir Hugh Robertson was no music academic, he was self taught, inheriting his love of music from his mother. He left school at the age of 14 to help in the family business of funeral undertakers, and continued collecting Scottish music, arranging and composing many, many other pieces.

"All in the April Evening" is arguably his most famous choral composition and well loved by those who sing it and those who hear it sung. As the words paint the picture of sheep and lambs on the road, blue mountains and dewy pastures, the beautiful music set for soprano, alto, tenor and

bass voices together very quickly takes on a melancholy air for this song is also about the sacrifice of the Lamb of God on a cross of shame. The anthem finishes with the line, 'I saw the sheep with their lambs and thought on the Lamb of God'.

We may struggle to make sense of the events of Holy Week and the need for the cross. Yet, the joyous message of Easter is the gift of redemption and salvation for each one of us.

In the saving grace of Jesus' death on this cross of which we sing, and of his resurrection of which we celebrate on Easter Day, we have been set free from the separation from the God who cares for us so very much. This picture of the Great Shepherd and The Lamb, and indeed shepherds, sheep and lambs is one of the most prevalent in scripture, in both Old and New Testament times. At these times, it was a picture easily recognised by people who could identify themselves with the image in word and song.

Can we say that now in our time? How many children growing up in our towns and cities will easily picture the sheep and lambs as Sir Hugh Robertson did or as we do as we live in a rural area. We, who not only grew up with the bible stories and the music and words of the 23rd psalm, but also an inheritance, from our parents, school and Sunday School teaching.

I'll leave you with a challenge this month. As April draws to a close, and Sir Hugh's 'All in the April Evening' is put back in the music cupboard for another year, what pictures can we paint and what music can we sing which will give a new generation of children and young people the beauty and security of knowing that God cares for them?

May God bless you and keep you.

Kim Watt.

Your locum minister and interim moderator.



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Thank You from Graeme Ferguson

I'd like to thank all at Fenwick Parish Church for the Hymnal I was gifted earlier this month. It was completely unexpected but very much appreciated. The message inside was extremely touching. I am sure it will make my preparation for Sunday morning services much easier and I am looking forward to using it in the many services in which I hope to take part within the Fenwick community.



This is the minister's report which was given by Kim at the recent Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

I want to begin with a presbytery update. This congregation is now part of the presbytery of the South West of Scotland, made up of six previous presbyteries and stretching from Largs in the north to Gretna in the south, from Portpatrick in the west to Langholm in the east and including the islands of Arran and Cumbrae. It is a very large area and requires new ways of working and meeting.

There is no planned change to our situation with St Maurs-Glencairn church at Kilmaurs and Crosshouse Parish Church, we remain in a state of deferred union. There are deferred union situations locally in Stewarton for St Columba's and John Knox and for Kay Park, Hurlford and St Kentigern's. All three churches in the Valley are vacant and will now move toward becoming one congregation with one Kirk Session, one Guild and three buildings to maintain. The ministry allocation has yet to be clarified but this is a situation which is being replicated all over our presbytery of the South West and the rest of Scotland.

For some dwindling congregations, these changes are a blessed relief as they can no longer continue to heat and care for their buildings either because of the cost or because of the age profile of the congregation . We have already heard in the financial report about the effects of soaring insurance and fuel bills on our own congregation and buildings. There is no doubt that this is a very difficult time for many congregations and all of our sister churches near and further away in this presbytery and nationally should remain in our prayers.

Review of the year

I looked back through my diary for 2023 and back through my photos. The diary pages tell the story of the on going governance, managed by the Kirk Session and the worship and pastoral life of you all as the congregation. It was a busy year. We had 2 baptisms, 3 weddings, all made special by 2 of the brides having grown up in the love and nurture of this congregation and the other a Christmas Wedding. We had more than our fair share of funerals and we remember all of our families as we surrounded them with joy or compassion and always all our love.

The photos reminded of the many good times when we got together as families for Family Faith and Sunday services, especially Palm Sunday last year, and Nativity last Christmas. Sadly, I was also reminded that for

now, we seem to have lost our young families on a Sunday morning. The photos also recorded some of the milestone events in the life of the congregation, Donald becoming our new Session clerk, the presentation of the Paton Bible interpretation board by Lord Rowallan and Graeme Paton on behalf of the Trust , the fabulous wedding afternoon tea and exhibition, the King's Coronation lunch, the retirement of Bill as Covenanter Editor, and the appointment of Lesley in his place, the phenomenal success of Warm Welcome, the commemoration of our Covenanting history when we held the Conventicle in July and then Armistice for the village and whole Parish in November.

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Mission plan

Worship, mission and pastoral care remains our purpose here in this parish. This is a task which you share with me and so encourages the sustainability of this congregation, something for which I have always strived and encouraged for all of you. There has always been mission and activity, however the current mission plan grew out of the vision meeting which we had a couple of years ago after Covid when we had been so restricted in our activities. You should know that all that you have done this past year to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in love and service to one another has been a great blessing to this community and beyond, and a source of huge encouragement to me.

- Simon completed his Worship Leader Course and Ann started hers
- Simon and Donald both completed their Interim Moderator training
- Kevin continued to work on improvements to the livestream and sound system, we have replacement screens and soon will have better microphones
- Kevin, Donald and Cameron manage the media desk every week, enhancing worship in the church and making it accessible to people worshipping in their homes with us or watching the recording afterwards and we know that quite a few people do this.
- You, led by the Guild, hosted events which raised funds for Christian Aid and Fiona our mission partner with Mediterranean Hope and we welcomed Fiona here in February to hear first hand of her work.
- You all enthusiastically joined in with toilet twinning and who could forget the toilet roll totaliser. And instead of twinning one toilet we were able to twin all 4 toilets here in the church buildings with toilets in villages in Zambia, Uganda, Malawi and DRC.
- We continue to support our friends in Sri Lanka in prayer and the school teacher's salary
- The Guild had varied speakers and offered friendship and worship at each meeting
- We offered the use of the hall to the baby and toddler group and other various local organisations.
- Most of the elders and contact group updated their safeguarding training so that they are better able to support the mission and social life of all ages of folk in the community.
- The elders conducted lively and meaningful worship, as did the Guild members here in the church and services were held throughout the year at Hallhouse and school assemblies either in school or at the end of the year, the whole school delighted the community with their Nativity Play.

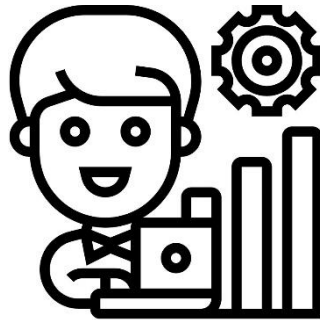
- The elders and contact group members faithfully visited those of our members who needed to know we were thinking of them, the prayer chain continued and we offered this building and our love to those who came to lay their loved ones to rest in peace and rise in glory.



Thanks

- Thanks to you all for your prayers and encouragement week by week, especially when we experienced serious family health issues last springtime. Alistair and I felt surrounded and held by your love, care, kindness and concern at that time.
- For all of you who work quietly and tirelessly for the life of this church and congregation, your work is a great blessing. Tracey, Irene and Marilyn, our Finance Team, who attend to our bill paying, Gift Aid and Kilmarnock Standard entry each week. The property team of George, Moira and others, Aileen who cleans the church each week and Irene who manages the hall bookings.
- Susan who has a particularly special gift of making successful grant applications and this has allowed several projects to flourish over the year with the promise of more to come. For our beadle team and for Alistair and Graeme, the choir and praise band who week by week enhance our worship. For all of you who read scripture and offer prayers and for Alastair who arranges this.
- For Jean who manages the foodbank and Hourglass week by week and who seems to know what needs done and just does it. For the welcome teams, the offering recording teams, those who make tea and coffee and bake each week, for those who deliver Covenanter and Lesley the editor

in chief. For Averil and the Murray team who manage the flowers, for the media desk team and Kevin who manages the FB page and website.



Donald, your first year as Session Clerk has gone past and I owe a debt of gratitude, for, with the assistance of Irene, you have managed the business of the Kirk Session, and the increasing administration load set before us by presbytery and the national church. You have been mindful of all of the elders and their family lives, looking out for them when necessary. To you as a congregation, I want to tell you that your serving elders are faithful in their attendance at meetings and diligent in their duties.

So, as this report ends, to God be the all the glory and thanksgiving for his provision and grace towards this congregation and the community we serve

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April		
7 Donald McCorquodale	David Barbour	
14 Susan England	Miller Hardie	George Seaton
21 Lesley Hamilton	Anne Naismith	
28 Nora Shanks	Janette Dunlop	Ann Campbell
May		
5 Gordon Watt	Averil Murray	
12 John Douglas	Kevin Wadsworth	Mark Young
19 Martha Speirs	George Seaton	
26 David Barbour	Ann Campbell	Anne Naismith



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Moscow SWI

On Monday 4th March we were delighted to host George Lind, who gave a splendid illustrated talk about his visit to Austria and the Oberammergau play in 2022. George accompanied members of Oakshaw Trinity Church, Paisley, and had a fascinating holiday combining the fun and relaxation of the Austrian Tyrol with the pathos of the Easter story at Oberammergau. President Mai Lawrence thanked George for his illuminating talk and tea was provided by Myra Seton and Catherine McInnes.

The results of the competition 'an article beginning with "K" are as follows:-

1 Anne Borthwick, 2 Yvonne Mitchell, 3 Lily Watson.

Our next meeting is on Monday 1st April in the Hogg Hall at 2 pm when the 2 Stompers will teach us line dancing! The competition will be an article beginning with "L".

On Friday 8th March the Moscow SWI team of Helen Green, Mai Lawrence, Jan Loudon and Christine Taylor came second in the Ayrshire Federation Quiz held at Troon.



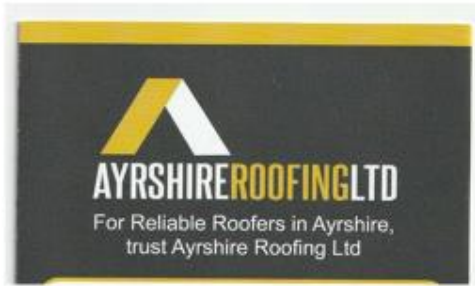
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Our meeting in the Church Hall on 14 March 2024 was our annual birthday party, this year to celebrate 105 years of Fenwick SWI. Nora Shanks, President, welcomed everyone and in her introduction reminded us that there had been quite a few changes since our first meeting in 1919. Notably there would have been no electric light or heating within the hall and also no need for a car park as most ladies would probably have walked to the meeting.

Nora congratulated our ladies on winning the Federation Inter Institute quiz competition, namely Moira Anderson, Nancy Harrison, Martha Speirs and Angela Welsh and thanked the other team who had also taken part – Norma Barr, Marjory Craig, Annette Dickerson and herself.

After some business, the ladies enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea supplied by the Cup and Saucer in Stewarton. There followed a short quiz and a display of photos of many events from throughout the years. These brought back many happy memories.

The next meeting will take place in the Church Hall on Thursday 11 April when we will have a talk on Crime Prevention from Police Scotland. The competitions will be Favourite Coaster – Prize and Bowl of Floating Flowers as part of the Sylvia McCutcheon Memorial Rosebowl Competition.



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School News

Hi Everyone

We are delighted to share more news from our school as we have been very busy!!

During February and March lots of our pupils have been visiting Hallhouse Residents and we have been playing games and reading with our elderly buddies. We love going to see them and we will be going on more visits, which will involve all classes, during the last school term after Easter.

We recently had our World of Work day which was a great opportunity to see how people work in different careers. It gave us lots of ideas for our own futures.

Our football team have played a couple of matches and, as always, they have done us proud. Unfortunately we didn't win, but we scored some really good goals and had lots of fun. We have lots more games coming up after Easter.

We are now setting up for a really busy last term and of course, starting to plan ahead for our 150th school anniversary. This will take place in September/October. Please look out for our whole school and Community consultation event which will take place in May. This will be held in the John Fulton Hall and we would like lots of ideas to help us plan some amazing celebrations.

Well, that all from us for now and we will be back in touch after the Easter holidays with more news from our fantastic school.



Church Duties April/May 2024

Beadles	Finance Team	Welcome Team
April	April	April
7 K. Wadsworth	C. McInnes	I. Wotherspoon
14 B. McNab	J. Bryson	S. Murray
21 G. Watt	S. Greer	K. Geddes
28 J. Logan		
May	May	May
5 K. Geddes		K. Crawford
12 K. Wadsworth	J. Bowes	G. Watt
19 B. McNab	A. Borthwick	M. Young

April	April
7 Irene Couper	John Douglas & Lynn Smith
14 Nora Shanks	Alastair & Anne Naismith
21 Grace Freel	Marilyn Morton & Jean Bowes
28 John Murray	Anne Borthwick & Sheena Greer
May	May
5 Jean Bowes	Cath McInnes & Moira Anderson
12 Robert White	

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Friday 11 – 1pm

Thursday 2 – 4pm

Saturday 11 – 1pm

The Stewarton and District Historical Society has monthly talks on the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the Lesser Hall in the Stewarton Area Centre.

There are 2 talks remaining in this session.

Tuesday 2nd April Kirsty Devine talks on “Reimagined” Paisley Museum

Tuesday 7th May Bruce Keith talks on “Are we nearly there yet?”

Cost is £3 per head and that includes tea and coffee. Fill a car and go!

HALL BOOKINGS: April 2024 *

	HALL	TIME	EVENT
Sundays: All All 14	Guthrie Paton Both	11.30 -1.00pm 11.30 -1.00pm 2.00 – 4.00pm	Tea and Coffee Count Team Afternoon Tea
Mondays: 15, 22, 29	Guthrie	9.30 -11.30am	Mothers&Toddlers
Tuesdays:			
Wednesdays: 17, 24 17, 24	Guthrie Guthrie	10.00 – 12noon 6.30 - 8.00pm	Badminton Tai Chi
Thursdays: 11 18, 25 18	Guthrie Guthrie Guthrie	2.00 – 4.00pm 4.30 – 6.00pm 7.30 – 10pm	Fenwick SWI Dance Class Garden Club
Fridays: 12	Guthrie	10.30 -3.30pm	Quilting Class
Saturdays: 20	Paton	11.30 – 1.30pm	Family Time

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Fenwick Garden Club

We were delighted to welcome back Brian Young, of Holmes Farm Plants, to speak to us and to judge the Spring Show at our March meeting.

Brian has been involved for many years in Plant Heritage and gave us a very interesting talk on the different factors which are affecting the preservation of so many natural species of plants, some of which are at risk of disappearing from our gardens and landscape. He shared the work that goes on nationwide to keep living examples of plants and how plants at the highest risk of extinction can be identified and cultivated.

He also told of how Plant Heritage keeps records through the National Collection holders. Brian also brought an amazing range of plants for members to buy and to get started with spring planting!

The results of the bulb / flower competition were as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Bowl of miniature daffodils	Katy Oldroyd	Fiona McLellan	Andrew McLellan
Bowl of mixed miniature bulbs	Kim Donald	Anne Naismith	Tricia Woodward
Flowering / foliage pot plant	Fiona McLellan	Andrew McLellan	Julie Stevenson
Spring flower display	Anne Naismith	Marjory Quinn	

Our last meeting in the hall before our outing in May will take place on Thursday 18 April when Sehar Sardar from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission will tell us how they tend and take care of their gardens.

Fenwick Bowling Club

The March afternoon whist drive results were as follows:

**Pink cards – 1st Jean Cuthbertson 2nd Anne Borthwick 3rd J. Shields
Booby – Nan Tivendale**

**White cards – 1st Anne Mitchell 2nd Pat Douglas 3rd Graham Scott
Booby – Becki Staunton**

Marilyn Morton was cardmaster and presented the prizes. **The final whist drive is on Wednesday 3rd April at 2pm in the clubhouse**

The annual evening whist drive was held on the 15th March. Gents' President, John O'Rourke, welcomed everyone and after play a supper was supplied by the ladies' committee. Morag Auld, Ladies' President, presented the whist prizes and drew the raffle.

The whist results were as follows:

Pink cards – 1st Jean McFedries 2nd Sheena Murdoch 3rdeq Janet Craig and Becki Staunton. Booby – Liz Craig

**White cards – 1st Robert Perratt 2nd Eileen Frater 3rd Agnes Land.
Booby - T. Paterson**

John O'Rourke gave a vote of thanks.

An enjoyable, all age Bingo night was held on Friday 22nd March. Thanks to Douglas Shanks for his organisation.

Opening Days are about to take place. The Gents open on Saturday 13th April at 3pm. The green will close again until the Ladies open on Wednesday 24th April at 2pm.

New members are always welcome and the first year is free for anyone who has not bowled before. **For more information contact Douglas on 07590850104 or Marilyn on 07811530476**

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Calm and quiet, live in grace
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This new pathway you have found
Will ease your worries, soothe your pain
Whether sunshine or the rain
Falls outside your window

Learn how to appreciate
The gifts that Nature brings
The beauty of a tree in bud
And little birds that sing
Daffodils with trumpets yellow
Swaying in the breeze
Signs of seasons ever changing
Will uplift and please

These are the things that give us hope
And help us face each day
Remind us life is never still
They teach us how to pray
For deep inside each one of us
The spark of God is there
To draw upon in times of need
When we are in despair

And when our hearts are breaking
The load's too much to bear
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For God has not deserted you
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