



Parish News



Dear Friends,

Parish News is off for the summer until the beginning of September and during this time most of it's contributors be on some kind of holiday. Now that the sun has appeared at last there is a sense in the air of holidays or days out and there is definitely a sense of freedom. There is so much to look forward to as we get used to going out and meeting friends though a little tentatively at first.

There are a few things I would like to bring to your attention as they are important to the life of the church and life does go on and we do our best to maintain what we can.

COMMUNION

Please note that there *will* a Communion Service on **Sunday, 6th June at 11am**, conducted under the 'restrictions' we have had before. There will be **no** Communion Cards issued and Communion will be served with sealed containers at each seat. If you wish to attend please phone and book a seat as normal, if there are enough numbers to merit a *second service*, I will do this but that will be decided nearer the time.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Until recently we have been very fortunate that Mrs. Janette Watson of **Craigend Nursery** supplied the Flowers for the Sanctuary. We are very grateful to Mrs. Watson in the way she has supported the church with the Floral Arrangements, and all the extras we needed, such as the 100 daffodils for the Easter Cross. A very big "Thank You" from the Church and we hope to mark this later in the church.

FLOWER ROTA

With the change of circumstances, we have changed the way we organise the Flower Rota. Everyone whose name is on the Flower Rota will be contacted to make sure that they are still happy to do this. I have managed to phone about 75% of those I have contact details for, and hope to contact everyone in the next week or so.

We have set up a Flower Fund which Mrs. Kenny has

agreed to manage. To pay for the flowers on your week please place the money [£25 is the suggested amount] in a sealed envelope with **YOUR NAME** and **FLOWER FUND** written on the front. Please put this in the plate on Sunday or send it to the Church. There are a few spaces left and the list will be put on the church notice-board for people to have a look and if you can wish to take one of these spaces, please let me know.

UNITARY CONSTITUTION

We are looking at the way the Church here in Condorrat is governed and looking to the way forward. This means that the Congregational Board will no longer exist and that everything will be decided and dealt with by the Kirk Session. The Session will consist of Groups such as Finance, Fabric, Social, Mission plus many others who will deal with the different areas of church life and report to the Session. The important change for the congregation is that it will be possible for people to be part of one of these groups without having to become involved in a committee. So, we encourage everyone in the congregation to think about their talents and how they could best serve the church. There is so much more to this and there is much discussion to take place in Session and in the Board, but there will also be an opportunity for the congregation to be involved with meetings when we can allow more people in the church.

Meanwhile... may I wish you all a very happy summer in the days ahead and I hope that you can find refreshment in all that you have planned to do whether it is holidays or meeting with families. May you all be blessed as you move into freer and happier times ahead,

May God Bless you and keep you all.

Rev. Grace Saunders

SERVICES HAVE RESTARTED ON SUNDAYS AT 11.AM WITH LIMITED SEATING
TO 'BOOK' YOUR PLACE — PHONE: 07533 763697 IN MORNINGS.

Cumbernauld :Condorrat Parish Church

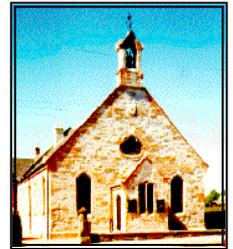


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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Morning Worship at 11am.

(Services are reduced and limited in numbers until further notice .)

Check the *Condorrat Parish Church* blog on our website or at www.ccosfive.wordpress.com

Cumbernauld Churches Together

PRAYER FOR CONDORRAT

Circle Condorrat Lord
Keep protection near and danger far,
Keep hope within and despair without.

Circle Condorrat Lord,
Keep light near and darkness far,
Keep peace within and anxiety without.

Eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Shield Condorrat on every side.

Amen.

Sunday Welcome Teams



June 2021

- 6th. — Mr J. Newlands and Team 1.
13th. — Mrs L. McKeown and Team 2.
20th. — Mr. J. Moir and Team 3.
27th. — Mr J. Newlands and Team 1.

While in 'Tier 2' of *lockdown*
Church is open with limited seating
and social distancing.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Dear All,

RE-OPENING OF CONDORRAT CHURCH

The Church is now open for **Sunday Services** only albeit with *limited seating* and sadly still no singing.

The situation will be same as it was last Autumn with the same Covid restrictions.

To book a place please phone Mrs. Liz Masterton on 07533763697 in the morning.

Services will be recorded and placed on Condorrat Church Facebook

Stay safe and take care.

God Bless,

Rev. Grace Saunders

The Treasurer

May 2021

By the time you are reading this, we will, hopefully, be in a situation where we are able to meet up with more family and friends – even **in** our homes. Within days we should, again hopefully, be moving into an even lower tier meaning we will be able to do the sort of things we took for granted eighteen months ago. It has, certainly, been a long haul but let's not dwell on that. Rather, let's think of brighter days ahead, not just in terms of weather but on what we value and appreciate above all else in our lives – everything given by God.

Our bank statement this month, unlike several previous months, shows that there was **not a deficit** during April. This is partly due to the Offerings and donations we made but mainly due to the Gift Aid tax recovery of £7305.75. Our thanks to Mrs Doreen Ross who administered the claim. The difference this makes to our finances cannot be overstated so I urge you, if you are a tax payer and have not already done so, to contact Mrs Ross or me to receive the form of authorisation. It is a simple matter of completing this form and returning it to your bank. Thank you to those who have already done this, to those of you who give an Offering, whether by Banker's Order, Weekly Freewill Offering envelopes or Open Plate and to those of you who are donating to the Flower Fund. Every Offering is appreciated, and necessary in order to keep our Church going.

Now that the election has been held, an invoice will be sent to North Lanarkshire Council for the hire of the hall.

I was invited by the Stewardship and Finance department at the Church of Scotland to take part in a

Webinar meeting at the end of April. It was a question-and-answer session so many topics were covered – some very relevant to our situation while others were less so, but all interesting. An email was subsequently sent to all the participants summarising the discussion. Further webinar meetings on specific topics are being arranged in the coming months.

As this is the last issue until the Autumn, we give thanks to Taylor Logan who has provided us each month with “Parish News” for twenty-two – yes, twenty-two – months with only two breaks of a month at Christmases. It is a tremendous undertaking so, when “Parish News” returns in the Autumn, we could all help by sending Taylor articles which would be of interest to others. They don't have to be long.

Let's hope that the summer months will be sunny and warm to help us be able to do what we have wanted to do for so long. Keep well and always thinking positive to better days.

A few weeks ago, I remembered, during a telephone call with a friend, the following quotation. It is one of my favourites and I hope you like it. To me, it is so true no matter whether I am working in the garden, looking at a plant in a pot, or visiting a national garden on a day out – when I could. Let's remember that God has given us everything and give Him thanks for all that we enjoy.

“One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth”.

Dorothy Frances Gurney (1858 – 1932, English poet and hymn writer.)

May God bless you.

Ann Kenny

On Tobacco:

‘A custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs, and in the black, stinking fume thereof, nearest resembling the horrible Stygian smoke of the pit that is bottomless.’

(*A Counterblast to Tobacco* by King James IV of Scotland/James I of England

(**PARISH NEWS**)

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It's nearly June already. It must be a sign of old age that the year is moving on so quickly. In normal times the organisations would have had their end of session displays; we would have had a Spring Craft Fair and a Summer Fair; and things would be winding down for the holidays. Let's hope that it won't be long until our usual pattern of events can resume.

Our Congregational Board and Kirk Session continue to meet on Zoom.

At our last Board meeting, the Treasurer and Fabric convenor kept us abreast of what they have been doing to keep things running smoothly. Amongst other things, Mrs. Kenny announced that we have received over £7000 from HMRC which is Gift Aid tax recovered from donations. This is very welcome at a time when our finances have been depleted. Our thanks go to Mrs. Ross who prepares our claim, and to your generosity as a congregation. If you pay tax and haven't signed up for Gift Aid on your contributions I would suggest that you consider it. It costs you nothing, but helps us massively to meet our commitments.

Mrs. Boland and Mrs. Kenny have been working on an application for Adapt and Thrive funding to purchase equipment to help with broadcasting services, and to provide technology to help with all aspects of modern church life. Mrs. Boland and Ms. Service are still trying to provide live-streaming using their own equipment. It is a work in progress, but no efforts are being spared in trying to bring the services to you.

The Session and Board have been discussing moving the governance of our church to the Unitary Constitution. To put it simply, this is a way of running our Congregation with *one* body rather than two

- Session and Board. Many Church of Scotland Congregations have adopted this. It won't go ahead without your approval, but before any decisions are made the framework being proposed will be presented to you so that you can have your say.

The Minister and Mrs. Boland, with other Cumbernauld Clergy, have had a meeting with the Presbytery Clerk and Deputy Clerk from Glasgow Presbytery to discuss plans on our move to Glasgow which will take place on 30th June. A **'Service of Welcome'** will be held in Cumbernauld in September.

Mr. Denney, who is our Presbytery Elder for Falkirk Presbytery, also gave a report to the Session. Since we are leaving Falkirk, little of the discussion was pertinent, but he has one last meeting to attend before our departure. The Church of Scotland has planned to greatly reduce the number of Presbyteries, and Falkirk Presbytery will cease to exist once all Congregations have moved to other districts.

Finally, a member of the congregation had asked if we could have hymns being sung on CD at our services since we are still not allowed to sing. This was discussed by the Board but, while it sounded an attractive idea, it was decided it would probably breach our music licence, which costs us a fair amount of money each year, and might even tempt some of us to sing along which would breach the Covid rules! We are very grateful to Mrs. Taylor who plays the organ each Sunday, and look forward to the time when we can ***give it laldy!!***

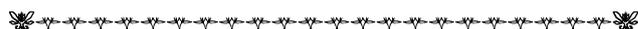
Please keep our work,
and our church in your prayers.

Christine MacPhail
(Clerk to the Board)



Out of the mouths of babes...

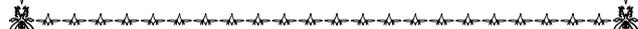
A teacher asked her class to use the word 'fascinate' in a sentence.
Jessie put up her hand and said, 'We went to the Zoo and it was fascinating.'
'Yes', said the teacher, 'That was good, but I want you to use the word 'fascinate' only.'
Jenny raised her hand saying, 'We went to the theatre and I was fascinated.'
'Good,' said the teacher 'but not quite right again. Just the word 'fascinate' is what I want.'
Billy raises his hand. The teacher cringes. This wee boy had 'caught her out' before. She finally relents thinking he surely couldn't damage the word fascinate and said, 'Yes Billy?'
Billy stands up and says 'Ma Auntie has a cardy wi ten buttons, but she's so fat she kin only fasten eight.'
The teacher burst into tears.



One of These Days

One of these days I'll make amends,
to long neglected friends.
One of these days I'll write to Joe,
Cousin May and Auntie Flo.
One of these days I'll give a treat
to the children up the street.
And maybe ask a friend to stay..
one of these days -but not today.
One of these days I'll really make
the opportunity to take
Some flowers to poor old So-and So
as I should have weeks ago.
Truly at the time I meant
to do it with good intent -
But it's fatal when you can only say
'One of these days' - but not today.

PS.





Thank You

Many 'Thanks' for all the 'Get Well' cards I received during my recent stay in hospital, and also to the Congregation for the Flowers from the Sanctuary.
Isabel Diamond

Tea Rota.

Hi All.....

Still not much change in the 'rules' with no meeting for a chat in church after the Sunday Service. Looking forward to a full Church Service with 'singing' together and catching up with all our friends.

I hope everyone is 'jabbed' and keeping safe and well.

God Bless
Mary Innes.



Query.....

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked should electricians be delighted, musicians denoted, models deposed, tree-surgeons debarked and dry cleaners depressed ???



In the beginning, God created the earth and rested.
Then God created man and rested.
Then God created woman and since then neither God nor man has

Jimmy's been charged with killing a man with sandpaper. To be honest though Jimmy only intended to rough him up.



Two ladies called at my door and asked what bread I ate. When I said 'white', they gave me a lecture for half an hour on the benefits of brown bread.

I think they were just Hovis Witnesses.

Change is inevitable...except for vending machines.
Always try to be modest, and be proud of it.
Remember half the folk you know are below average.

1st Condorrat Company
The Boys' Brigade

1st Condorrat Company
The Girls' Brigade

We give 'Thanks' to EVERYONE for your continued support and hope you are keeping safe at this difficult and trying time.

Check us out on 'facebook' !

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(Company Captain)
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(Captain)
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Sad but True

(by an unknown elderly gentleman.)

Everything is further away than it that it used to be. It's twice as far to the shops now, and I noticed that they've added a bit of a hill. I've given up running for the bus as it leaves faster than it used to, and it seems that stairs are being made steeper nowadays. Have you noticed how the print is smaller in the papers these days? No sense asking some one to read aloud; everyone speaks with quiet voices these days. I can hardly hear them. And the material in clothes is so skimpy - especially around the waist. Even people are changing; they're so much younger now than when I was their age. On other hand, people of my age are so much older.

I met an old class-mate the other day and she had aged so badly that she didn't know me. I got to thinking about the poor old soul this morning and in doing so glanced at my reflection in my new mirror...Really? They just don't make good mirrors anymore, do they?

The Sunday School **June 2021**

The Girls of the Sunday School are still fine and keeping in touch. They are really enjoying being back at school again.

Lesley Freeland
(SS Leader-in-charge)

The GUILD **May 2021**

is still suspended until further notice.

All the Guild ladies who have all been fully vaccinated are fine and long to meet again. Thinking of how to meet I'm hoping if we get a run of good weather(!)we might be able to have small - legal - groups getting together under the gazebo in my garden. I will contact our members directly if this idea proves possible. Fingers crossed.

Lesley Freeland
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Deaths:

“Blessed are they who die in the Lord.”

(*member)



There are no Deaths/Funerals to report this month.

As the present conditions have prevented Funerals to be conducted with those who *would have* attended to pay their respects. There will be **Memorial Services in the Sanctuary** once we are allowed to come together again.

Visitations: Due to the present crisis there will be no visits in person by the Minister.

Fellowship/Prayer Group

June 2021

Lord,

I doubt very much if many people know about the difficulties and disappointments of life than I do. I know them first hand.

However, I also know that there are innumerable folk who are fighting hard battles — young homeless folk, elderly ones who are unwanted, people who suffer in body or mind, or both, men who cannot get work, women who have too much..

All this hurts me, makes me sad.

But what *does* impress me is the courage and kindness of these folk; their patience, their fine spirit, their dogged perseverance, their faith and good humour and the gallant ways in which they keep on and on.

When we meet or hear of these kinds of people we must be truly humbled and realise that there are always those worse off than us, and our troubles are so much less.

So, Lord, help us to take our lives in hand and welcome how fortunate we are to have the abilities we do have and be thankful for them through your good grace.

Amen

Somewhere There is Someone

There is no need to be lonely if your are left alone — thinking life is empty because you're on your own... There are other people wanting friendship too - people who would probably, welcome somebody like you. There are too many 'shut-ins' who can't get out at all ,watching at a window, or waiting for folk to call.

Go out and try to seek them and perhaps just here or there, you'll find that kindred spirit whose loneliness you share.

God meant us to be friendly and not to keep apart. Don't live behind closed shutters, keep an open mind and heart.

For are we not all members of one great family? Somewhere there is someone who needs your company.

Help us ,O God, to move forward in our lives with renewed strength and determination to find those folk who also seek friendship and escape the loneliness of loss and abandonment. By your love and mercy.

Amen.

*All scripture is inspired by **God**; and is useful for teaching the truth; rebuking error; faults; and for giving instruction for right living.*

2 Tim. 3:16,17.



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Who can give through Gift Aid ?

Anyone who pays Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax, which is annually at least equal to the Tax which the Congregation, and other Charities to which you make Gift Aid Donations, will reclaim on the financial value of your '*gifts*' for that year.

Gift Aid Declaration Forms or further information is available from our **Gift Aid Convener:....**

Mrs Doreen Ross
Mob. No. 07769203648





1st Condorrat Company The Boys' Brigade

June 2021

Well one thing is for sure, we shall never forget the past year!

It was a very difficult year for the Boys Brigade, having to change the whole way we operate as a Company.

We have always had a very structured way of working. Staff from all 4 Sections would make up programs and activities for the Boys who would take part, hopefully enjoying and learning what was on offer. From there we would move to Competitions - PT, Figure Marching, Drill, Bible Quiz, Collage and finally the International Games. With the Virus taking control of our daily lives, the Company had to change the way it operated.

Fortunately Brigade HQ. were quick off the mark to produce new material that could be done at home and using Zoom meetings became the new "BB Night" The material that they produced will, I'm sure, continue to be a part of our regular program as it is very adaptable. Zoom Meetings were a wee bit of a hit and miss. The Boys were quite enthusiastic in the beginning, but I think the novelty of it soon wore off. We relied on the parents setting up the connection to Zoom and from there we tried to keep it to a "normal" BB night. However, if the children are busy with other computer driven games, it would be difficult to get them to change over to what we were offering.

We have missed out in 2 of our more popular activities, The Weekend Camp - a big disappointment to both Boys and Staff. It began back in 1975, to Aberfoyle, and was organized by the late Mr. Gordon Alexander. It became the most talked about activity and was, and still is loved by everyone. We haven't missed a year until now. We hope to rectify this asap!

One piece of good news, Harry Goggins has completed his Silver D o E Award., and along with Alan Roberts, who has gained his Queens Award, will be presented with their Awards at a later date. Well Done and Congratulations to both.

It will be interesting to see what 'damage' has been done because of the pandemic -will the Boys have found other interests? Time will tell. We will certainly be pushing hard to regain their confidence and return once the present situation calms down.

Now I know I have mentioned this before, but I would like to thank everyone for their comments on the Church Notice Board.

This began when I was walking past the church at the beginning of Lockdown. The building looked quite sad being closed and had nothing to say. With permission from our minister I was allowed put up a painting/drawing, to remind the Congregation, and the *Public*, that we were still active although the doors were closed and we are still doing the Lords work, albeit in a different way.

The painting was a cartoon of the Easter Story. This was a picture that I saw at Milton of Campsie Church, and liked so much I took a photo. Including the present one I've completed 15 pictures with different themes.

I would like to thank everyone for their comments, especially from the public who took the time to speak to me when I was putting them up. It's refreshing to know that there are still people passing by and taking notice of our churches activities.

I suppose that's why they call it a "Notice Board"

Take care Everyone.....

and Stay Safe,

Andrew Eadie
(Company Captain)

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Did You Know.....?

Culross on the River Forth is the birthplace of **St. Mungo** who was baptised in a church which stood on the site of the Abbey above the 'town' in the 6th century.

Culross is worth a day out for a walk round a village with smart pantiled mansions grouped round a small square, and cottages piled up behind in steep cobbled lanes. The area round the Mercat Cross has a raised section down the middle where only the 'grandees' were allowed to walk. Commoners had to make their way along the rubbish strewn gutter areas. (The only other example of this in Scotland is at Cromarty,) This of course

was back in the 16th century when the town, like many places along the Forth, was a prosperous port trading with Europe in coal and salt and housed wealthy merchants. However, as the trade dried up the merchants left and with no money in the area those who remained were unable to maintain their way of life and houses, which then gradually fell into the genteel 'shabbiness' that is seen today. It is hard when walking along the 'sea-front' to imagine the activities of ships and trading that went on in the past.

Culross Palace is the pick of the grand houses here. Built for Sit George Bruce (owner of the local coal mines) in 1597 and now cared for by the National Trust for Scotland

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home

His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied,

"That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with you."

Next 'Parish News'

This is last issue of Parish News for the 2000-2001 Year.

But check out our Church Web-site.

— and at www.ccosfive.wordpress.com —

Hands of the Master

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted an old friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE" When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing.

Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit, keep playing" Then, leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child, and he added a running obbligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed what could have been a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was so mesmerised that they couldn't recall what the Great master played. Only the classic, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"

Perhaps that's the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't always graceful following music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life's work

can truly be beautiful. The next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You may hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear "Don't quit, keep playing" May you feel His arms around you and know that His hands are there, helping you turn feeble attempts into true masterpieces. Remember, God doesn't seem to call the equipped, rather, He equips the "called" Life is more accurately measured by the lives you touch than by the things you acquire.

Author Unknown

Some Quotes

1. I am so clever that sometimes I don't understand a single word of what I am saying. *Oscar Wilde*
2. People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day. *Winnie the Pooh*
3. A clear conscience is a sure sign of a bad memory. *Mark Twain*
4. I didn't fail the test, I just found a 100 ways to do it wrong. *Benjamin Franklin.*
5. I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not so sure. *Unknown .*
6. Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia. *Charles Schultz*
7. Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it. *Dwight D. Eisenhower.*
8. Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. *Thomas Edison*
9. A diamond is merely a lump of coal that did well under pressure. Unknown 10. Women who seek to be equal with men lack ambition. *Marilyn Monroe*

...from Gordon Ross

Check this out..... (.....then See page 12.)

1. Ask a friend to count the number of F's in this text....

FINISHED FILES ARE THE
RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH COMBINED WITH THE
EXPERIENCE OF YEARS.

2. Ask them to do this simple sum mentally. No pen and paper or calculator to be used:

Take 1000 and add 40
Now add 1000
Now add 30
Add another 1000
Now add 20
Add another 1000
And finally add 10.

What is your answer?

Fathers

Most people go through a series of stages in their assessment of their father.

- 4years My Daddy can do everything.
- 14years Dad doesn't understand. He's totally out of date.
- 24years Dad comes up with a good idea now and then.
- 34years I must find out what Dad thinks.
- 54years I wish I could talk it over with Dad.

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It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing or golfing; but it's even more admirable for him to take his daughter shopping.

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The most important thing a father can do for his children is to go on loving their mother.

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT WORK/ OUTREACH

“New Horizons Condorratt” submitted a funding application to the Scottish Government “Adapt and Thrive” committee in late March of this year. As with many funding applications there is a process to work through and it will take some time therefore for the group and the congregation to know if we have been successful in our funding bid. Thanks must go not only to the group, as a whole for our collective ideas and thoughts but especially to our Treasurer, Mrs Ann Kenny for completing a great chunk of the application.

I hope the congregation know by now our worship services are being recorded or live-streamed on a Sunday for those unable to attend church through the numbers cap or for a myriad of other reasons. It’s also good to know our services are being watched by those who wouldn’t necessarily attend church at all. Currently, Ms Samantha Service and I are using our own data in our mobile ‘phone contracts to livestream or record our worship service as the church does not have wi-fi or broadband installed. As the funding bid is a lengthy process, I thought it would be helpful to buy a mobile wi-fi unit in the short-term. There has been an upsurge in people buying these mobile units while holidaying in Britain this year where wi-fi is not freely available. The unit itself fits into the palm of one’s hand and can be plugged into a mains socket

as well as being battery charged. It is unintrusive and designed to take nothing away from the worship service.

The group has added to its’ number through the inclusion of two people keen to assist the congregation in looking ahead and looking out. It has been noted in recent years that our community/parish has somewhat disengaged with the church and what it stands for. This is something which may not be the church’s fault but we should try to do something about this now and make ourselves as relevant as possible to the community so that they see the church as something positive and significant in their lives, without diluting the church’s message.

“New Horizons Condorratt”, working in partnership with the Social/Fund-raising committee, are eager to open up church events to those who may not consider ever attending them. This is why we are eager to install and buy up-to-date equipment which would enable the congregation to reach a wider audience and so gaining a relevance to their lives. By advertising events on social media and live-streaming them while they’re happening allows people to join in and perhaps participate in a future event.

Please continue to pray for the group and for the way forward for Condorratt Parish Church.

Susan Boland



I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer.

Finally, she decided to go solo.

I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer:

"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed,

"but deliver us from e-mail."

One particular four-year-old prayed,

".....and forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those

who put trash in our baskets."



A Sunday School teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?"

One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"

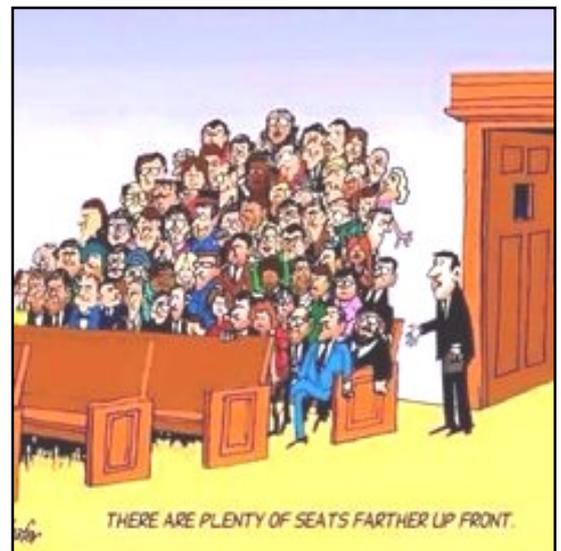
A little boy put his hand up and said, "Verge."

Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

The little boy said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

A Sunday School teacher asked her children as they were on the way to a church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."



Something for all KIDS!!!all ages.

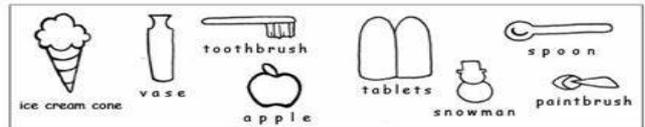


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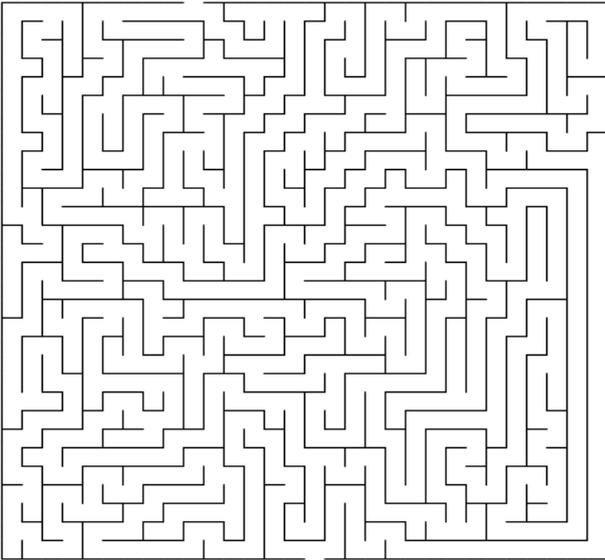
Word List
See if you can find the *Summer* related words in our word search.

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journey
sandals
Spade
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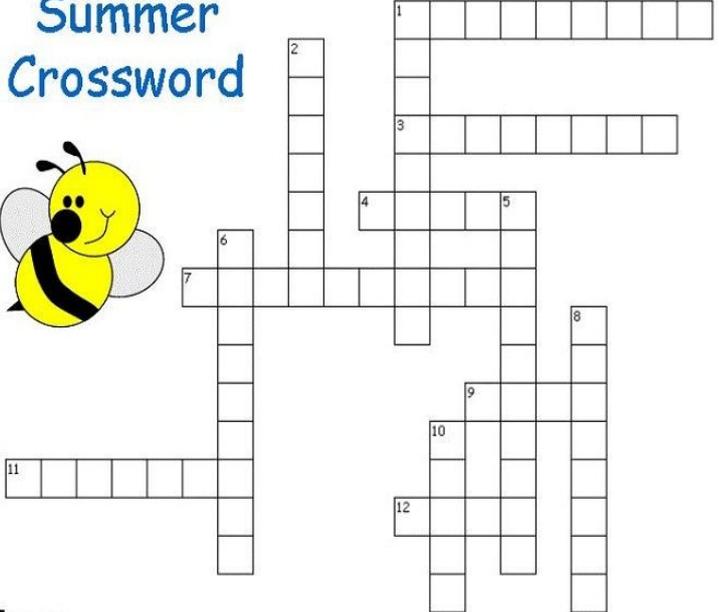
Find the hidden objects when Moses came down with the Ten Commandments.



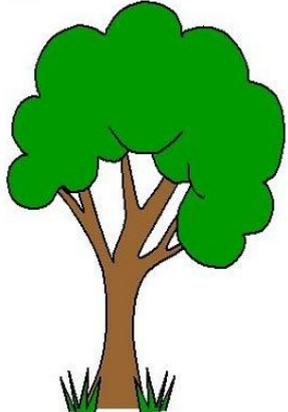
The little girl wants to go for a swim in the sea. Help her through the maze of people on the beach so she can go for a swim.



Summer Crossword



- Across**
- From caterpillar to _____.
 - dad's grill
 - A gardener's worst enemy.
 - pink juicy fruit
 - In the summer, the weather is _____.
 - I have a rod and reel. Let's go _____.
 - A long walk.
- Down**
- Insect with yellow and black stripes.
 - Healthy summertime transportation.
 - Protective eyewear.
 - A patty and a bun. Yum!
 - Favorite drink of young salespeople.
 - Playground toy you swoosh down.



Q.1. What goes up, but never comes down?

Q.2. Where does Friday come before Thursday?

Q.3. What has a bark, but no bite?

Q.4. How many letters are there in the alphabet?

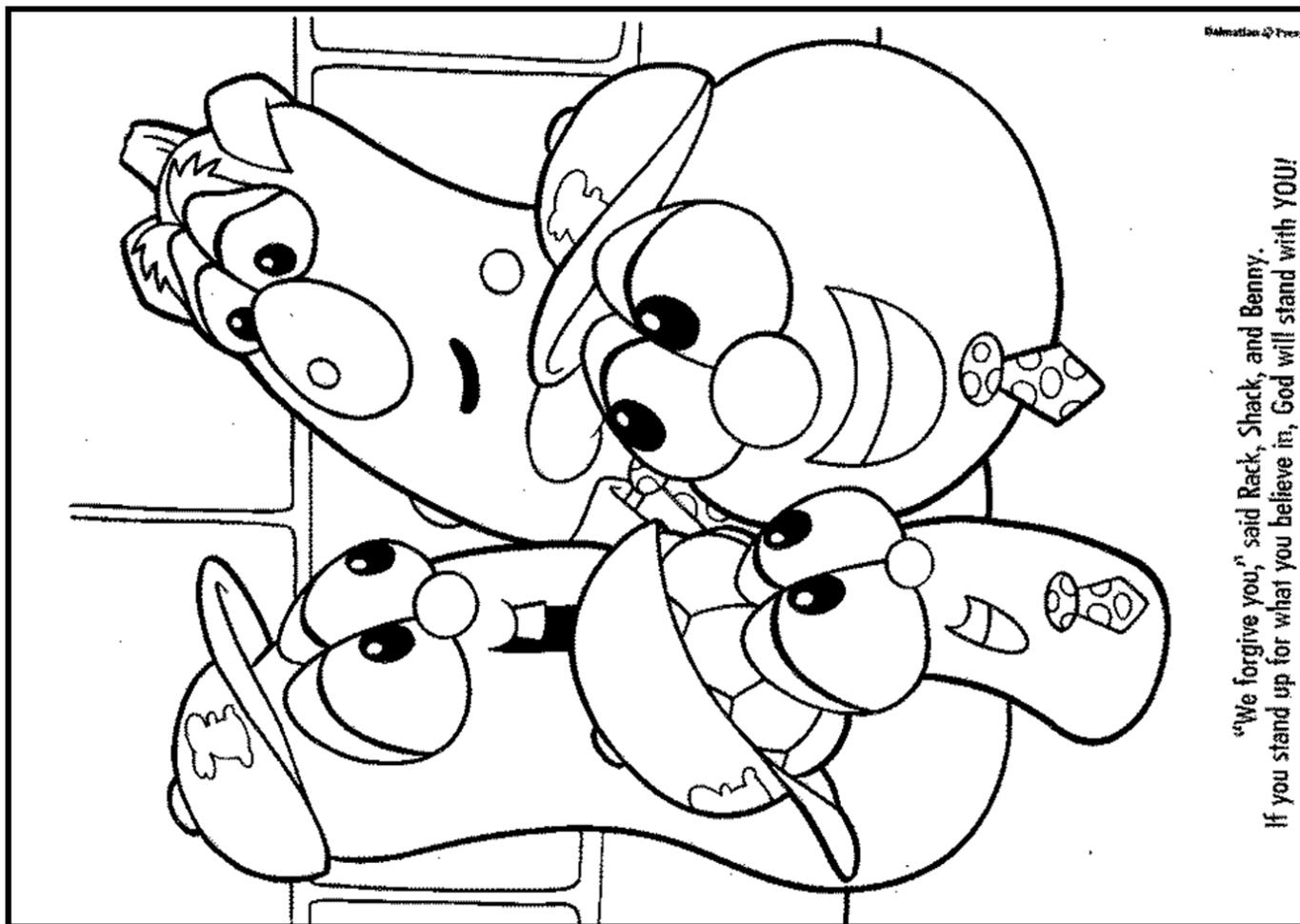
Q.5. What can you catch but not throw?

Q.6. What game do cows play at parties?

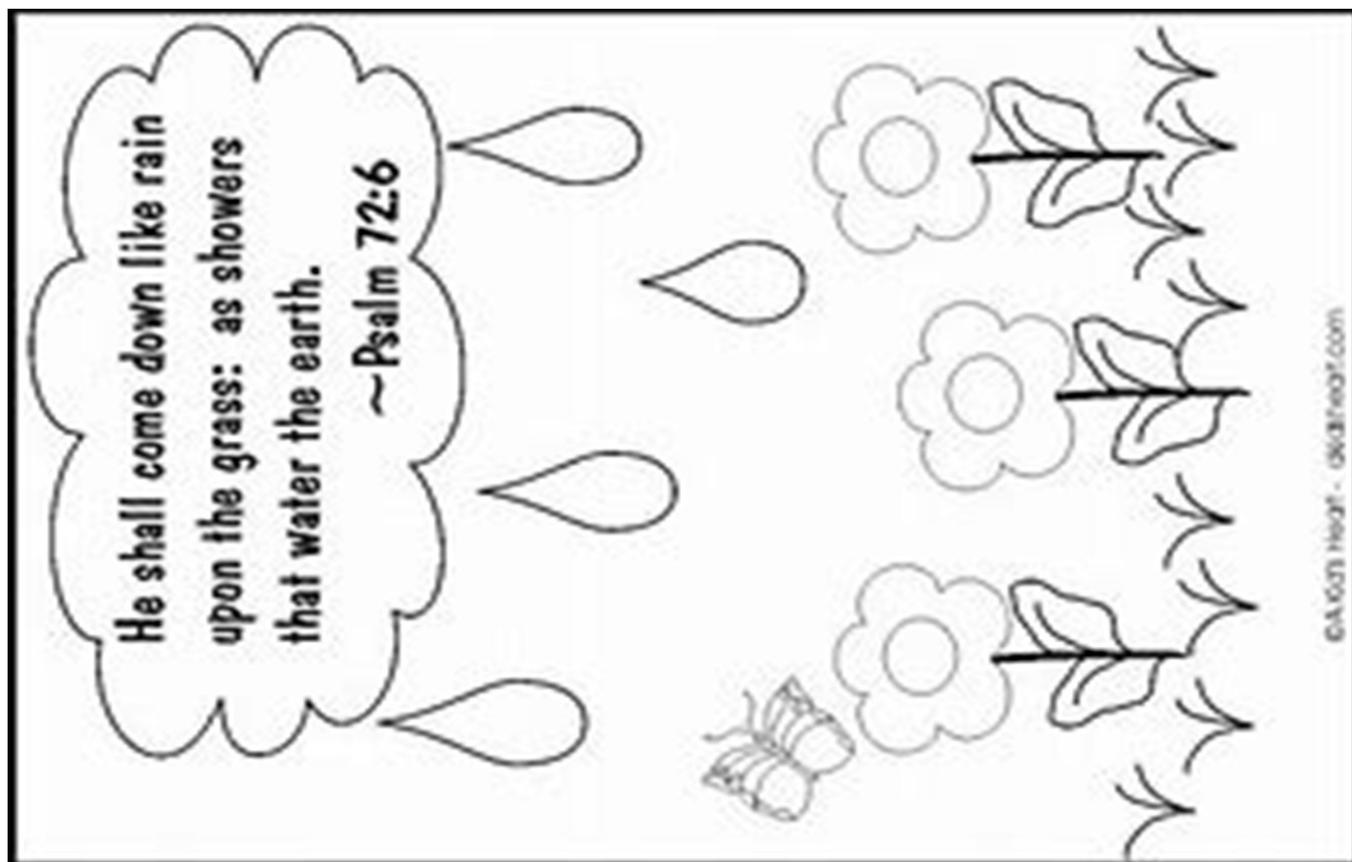
Answers: 1. Your Age, 2. In Dictionary, 3. A Tree, 4. Eight A.L.P.H.A.B.E.T., 5. Cold, 6. Moosical Chair.

One wee boy once wrote: 'My grandparents are old on the outside but young on the inside.'

Here are more pictures to colour in



**"We forgive you," said Rack, Shack, and Benny.
If you stand up for what you believe in, God will stand with YOU!**



Check this out from page 8.

1. There are 6 F's in the sentence, but most folk only count three because their brain does not register the word 'OF'.

Got it right? — Hey! Your a Genius!!

2. Most people give the answer 5000, but it is actually 4100.

Want to check it again?

ALSO.....Try to fold a sheet of paper of any size, in half, more than seven times. Believe it or not.....it can't be done!

More Riddles.

What kind of cheese is made backwards? (Edam)

Why are ghosts bad at lying? (cos you can see right through them)

What 2 things can you not eat for breakfast? (Lunch and Dinner)

Why do bees hum? (cos they don't know the words)

If you throw a blue stone into the Red Sea what does it become? (wet)



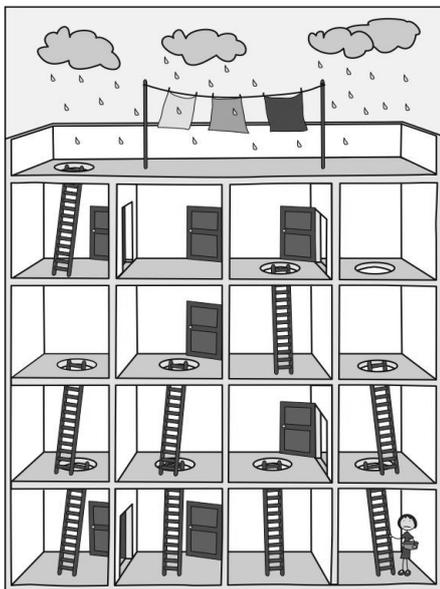
Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs! Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.

Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse. Circle them in the puzzle below.

- Proverbs 6:6 _____ Exodus 16:20 _____
- Psalms 78:45 _____ 1 Sam. 24:14 _____
- Matt. 23:24 _____ Isaiah 50:9 _____
- Judges 14:8 _____ Isaiah 59:5 _____
- Acts 12:23 _____ Leviticus 11:22 _____
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- Deuteronomy 7:20 _____

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Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket



Can you find a way up the ladders to take in the washing.

**Hidden Pictures:
The Birth of John the Baptist**

Find these objects hidden in the picture below: book, cake, fish, football, magnet, moon, needle and thread, snail, sock, spoon, sherrif's badge, star.



Coronavirus in Scotland

- * **stay at home as much as possible** — only go outside for limited purposes.
- * **stay 2 metres (6 ft) away from other people**
- * **wash your hands regularly and as soon as you get home**

Stay safe, Protect others, Save lives.

- * **always wear a face covering on public transport, shops and enclosed public spaces**
- * **self-isolate if you have any symptoms and book a test**