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A VIEW FROM THE MANSE

To my church family,

I really feel lost for words in knowing how to share my heartfelt thanks to you all. Thursday 14th of February 2002 was a night ever to be etched in my memory. I can still picture every moment - the solemnity, the vows, the charges, the sermon. I can still remember the laughter, the music, the hymns, the smiles, the joy, and the sweet fellowship.

What touched me most that night was the profound presence and power of God, and the wonderful peace of Christ, which seemed to fill the whole church. Over the years I have continued to know waves of that presence, peace and power in Christ as we meet and worship together physically. It's been that sense of coming home!

Again I felt that presence and power of God, and the peace of Christ to fill the church on Sunday morning which overflowed into joy as we shared together in fellowship at the Lauriston Hotel in Ardrossan. What a blessing and what a surprise to see so many join us.

Antonia, the children - Bethany, Daniel & David, and I, have always felt surrounded by your love, support and care. You have been a constant source of strength and joy over these past 20 years. And we look forward to many more, God willing!

Over the years we have seen many of our church family going on before us into glory, but we have also seen the family grow with precious new life and new friendships.

With all the changes happening in the Church of Scotland at the present time, it is my prayer that we would hold on to each other more tightly as we walk together into whatever God has planned for us. We trust in the God who has called us, and has united us in the bonds of love, joy and peace, in the unity of the Spirit.

On behalf of the Manse family and I, please know that we love you all so dearly, and appreciate each one of you. Thankyou for being such a support and strength.

*“Dedicated hearts like yours are not so easy to find.
It takes a special person to be so generous and kind.
To care so much for your fellow man is a quality all too rare.
Yet you give of your time and talents, for all in need to share.
So thank you for being a friend, I'm privileged to serve with you.
I want you to know how treasured you are, not just today, but all the years through.”*

Your Friend

Rev Scott Cameron



A VIEW FROM THE PEW

On the 14th February 2022 Rev Scott Cameron celebrated 20 years as our long-serving Minister. The congregation joined on Sunday the 27th of February in a celebratory dinner which was held at the Lauriston Hotel in Ardrrossan. Several tributes were given by members, and gifts were presented to Scott and Antonia as a token of love and appreciation. A special cake was also made for the occasion.

For those who are still getting to know our Minister... Scott is originally from the Isle of Skye (although born in Dingwall), and was educated at Portree High School. On leaving school at the age of 16 he began his career as an Accordion demonstrator for Clinkscales Music in Aberdeen. After becoming a Senior Scottish Accordion Champion, he went on to make many TV/Radio appearances with his own Scottish Ceilidh Band "Gael Warning", and also played freelance for many other well known Scottish bands and entertainers (including Johnnie Beattie, Dundee's George Duffus, and Aberdeen's popular Country singer - Tucker Donald). In 1987 Scott was also invited to join the well loved Scottish group "Runrig" for a special Memorial Concert on Skye which was recorded for the BBC.



In October 1989 Scott came to experience the life transforming message of the Gospel of Christ. He then began his training as a lay-evangelist at the Church of Scotland Centre in Crieff in 1991, and entered a study programme for full-time ministry in 1992. He graduated from the University of Aberdeen with a Master of Arts degree in 1997, and a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 2000. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Skye & Lochcarron on the 19th June 2001. A month later, he married his sweetheart Antonia in Portree, who is also from Skye, and they now have three children; Bethany, Daniel & David.

After assisting the Rev Andrew MacLean at St Andrew's Church in Port Glasgow, Scott then received a call to Stevenston High Kirk and was inducted and ordained on Valentine's night, Thursday 14th of February 2002, as our Minister.



The First Twenty Years

By David Wilson

The pulpit had been empty too long they all agreed,
So they called upon the God of heaven to meet their urgent need.
Then Scott appeared for interview and all involved concurred,
To not appoint this rising star would really be absurd.
His attitude they really liked, his doctrine it was sound;
His head might be in heaven, they thought, but his feet are on the ground.
And as for Scott he was convinced that he had found his place,
And he knew the other candidates would need a lot of grace.
For in his heart he realised that he would be appointed
And all the other applicants would be so disappointed.

So twenty years ago just now the Camerons moved in,
Complete with Scottie's Highland voice and Antonia's cheery grin.
So many rooms to fill up within that old grey manse
So the couple thought some children would their environment enhance
They thought they'd have a family of five or six or seven
But although they loved the first three, well, it wasn't always heaven
So they had another rethink, yes, they really thought it through
And they came to the conclusion that maybe three would do
A lovely girl two handsome boys, they knew that they were blest
They'd give them all the love they could and trust God for the rest

Now Scott, well he got busy long sermons to prepare
And all the other duties made days off very rare.
Three P's he had envisioned: to Pastor, Preach and Pray
But sometimes other issues fully occupied his day.
Committees and the red tape he found so very trying;
There were duties to the living, there were duties to the dying.
But he really loves the people and the people love him back,
To make us know we matter he really has the knack.
So he keeps the fires burning even sometimes through the night,
But he shows no sign of turning, for God's work is his delight.
Now after twenty years of working hard through every day,
One thing we're all agreed on, **we really hope you'll stay!**

Church Diary



MARCH

- 3rd **CofS Guild** at 1.30pm (Hall)
4th **World Day of Prayer** at 2pm (High Kirk)
Revival Fellowship at 7.30pm (Hall)
6th **Morning Service & GB Commissioning**
at 10.30am
Sunday Club & Creche at 10.30am (Hall)
9th **Girls Brigade** at 6pm (Hall)
11th **Revival Fellowship** at 7.30pm (Hall)
13th **Morning Service** at 10.30am
Sunday Club & Creche at 10.30am (Hall)
16th **Girls Brigade** at 6pm (Hall)
17th **CofS Guild** at 1.30pm (Hall)
18th **Revival Fellowship** at 7.30pm (Hall)
20th **Morning Service** at 10.30am
Sunday Club & Creche at 10.30am (Hall)
23rd **Girls Brigade** at 6pm (Hall)
25th **Revival Fellowship** at 7.30pm (Hall)
27th **Morning Service** at 10.30am
Sunday Club & Creche at 10.30am (Hall)
29th **Kirk Session** at 7pm (Hall)
30th **Discipleship Group** at 1pm (Hall)
Girls Brigade at 6pm (Hall)

APRIL

- 1st **Revival Fellowship** at 7.30pm (Hall)
3rd **Morning Service** at 10.30am
Sunday Club & Creche at 10.30am (Hall)
6th **Girls Brigade** at 6pm (Hall)
10th **Palm Sunday Service** at 10.30am
Sunday Club & Creche at 10.30am (Hall)
15th **Good Friday Service** at 7.30pm (High
Kirk)
17th **Easter Service** at 10.30am
Sunday Club & Creche at 10.30am (Hall)
20th **Guilds Together NA** at 2pm (venue TBA)
Girls Brigade at 6pm (Hall)
22nd **Revival Fellowship** at 7.30pm (Hall)
24th **Morning Service** at 10.30am
Sunday Club & Creche at 10.30am (Hall)
27th **Discipleship Group** at 1pm (Hall)
Girls Brigade at 6pm (Hall)
29th **Revival Fellowship** at 7.30pm (Hall)

MAY

- 1st **Morning Service** at 10.30am
Sunday Club & Creche at 10.30am (Hall)
4th **Girls Brigade** at 6pm (Hall)
6th **Revival Fellowship** at 7.30pm (Hall)
8th **Morning Service** at 10.30am
Sunday Club & Creche at 10.30am (Hall)
11th **Girls Brigade** at 6pm (Hall)
13th **Revival Fellowship** at 7.30pm (Hall)
15th **Morning Service** at 10.30am
Sunday Club & Creche at 10.30am (Hall)
18th **Girls Brigade** at 6pm (Hall)
20th **Revival Fellowship** at 7.30pm (Hall)
22nd **Morning Service** at 10.30am
Sunday Club & Creche at 10.30am (Hall)
25th **Discipleship Group** at 1pm (Hall)
Girls Brigade at 6pm (Hall)
27th **Wedding** - Myshel Howie & Scott Picken
at 1pm
Revival Fellowship at 7.30pm (Hall)
29th **Morning Service** at 10.30am
Sunday Club & Creche at 10.30am (Hall)



Mission Night with India Village Ministries

Come and meet Suresh, Roja, Sophie and
Suresh's mum.

Friday 3rd June at 7.30pm
Church Hall

(Throughout May we will be taking up a collection
in the Church which will go towards IVM.)



Hello!!

Well, what a two years this has been! Let me take you back to March 2020. The Company was in full swing for our Annual Display, but then covid hit. We had to close, hoping this would only be for a few weeks, but unfortunately it was for the next 18 months.

Over these months we still achieved a lot but had to learn quickly, that if we wanted our Company, we needed to learn how to use Zoom and other online ways to engage with our girls. GBS HQ provided us with Gracie Bee at home badge work as well as an online competition (cooking and STEM). As officers, we had to find other ways to keep it fun, which included a Scavenger Hunt, Quizzes and window displays for Remembrance Day.

As well as the girls working hard, Cheryl and Rebecca were both working away in the background to gain their Gold leadership training. This was achieved at the start of 2021. Rebecca, for as long as I could remember, always said she wanted to become an Officer at the same time as her mum. This is something both Cheryl and I would laugh about since Cheryl started her training long before Rebecca. Rebecca, of course, completed her training in record time under a year. God's timing is always perfect!

As well as leadership, Rebecca took full advantage of lockdown to complete all tasks for her Queen's Award. This was done along with her Advance Highers and applying for University. She is now on the home-run with her Queen's. She only has some video chats with GBS HQ to complete and, all going well, we will be having a special Church Service in May to celebrate this amazing achievement.

From Rebecca Baird:

"I first started my Queen's Award towards the end of 2019. When covid hit, most of my sections/tasks had to be adjusted or completely changed. This was a big challenge, but I was able to fix my sections/tasks and completed everything in two years.

I would like to thank my Church family for all your support and prayers during my journey. I would also like to thank my Captain, Lorraine, for introducing me to the Queen's Award and helping me through it."

I (Lorraine) have now become the Commissioner for the North Ayr Division of the Girls Brigade in Scotland. My first act as Commissioner is to commission Cheryl & Rebecca as full Commissioned Officers within our company on Sunday 6th March during Sunday worship. Cheryl has also taken on the role of Queen's Award and Training Officer for the North Ayr Division.

We have been a busy bunch but we are thankful to God for giving us the opportunities to serve him. We are now back face to face with a healthy company of 16 girls.

In closing, we want to take the opportunity to thank our Church family for all the support and prayers given to us.

We will continue to SEEK, SERVE AND FOLLOW CHRIST!!

Lorraine Lewis (Captain)



Church of Scotland Guild

Stevenston High Kirk

It has been a different type of year for the Guild. We were able to start in October with our Minister, Scott, leading us in a communion service and speaking to our theme “Lights and Bushels” under our new strategy “Go Forward in Faith”.

Sadly, in December we were unable to hold our party when we had to close early due to the pandemic and we missed our January meeting for the same reason.

We reopened in February with a speaker from Christians against Poverty. At our Project meeting we learned more about the church-based fostering and adoption charity Home for Good which seeks to inform and aid Christians along the road to finding a home for every child.

We will extend our session by having three meetings in March finishing with our postponed party.

Our Guild will host the Guilds Together North Ayrshire ABM on 20th April and there will be a joint Ayrshire Guilds Together Rally in Kilmarnock on 11th May.

Due to the closure of a local Guild we have been very happy to welcome some new members and hope that they find friendship and fellowship as they join us.

Remember the Guild is an organisation for both women and men and we would be delighted to have more men join us.

Above all we seek to follow our motto “Whose we are, and whom we serve” in all we do in and out of our meetings.

Mary Ford

Convener



The Church of Scotland

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Change in the Church

2022 promises to be a year of much change in the church and in the Church of Scotland. Because of declining membership, lack of ministers (with a large number retiring in the next 5 years) and too many buildings with many in the wrong places or simply not suitable for the 21st century, difficult decisions are having to be made.

In the wider Church of Scotland, there are currently around 40 Presbyteries and these are being amalgamated to make only 12 presbyteries.

At present, we are part of Ardrossan Presbytery, but by September 2022, we will become part of the Presbytery of the South West Scotland as we will be amalgamating with 5 other Presbyteries (Irvine and Kilmarnock, Ayr, Wigtown and Stranraer, Dumfries and Kirkcudbright and Annandale and Eskdale). This is a huge undertaking – so please pray for this process as it is completed.

More locally, each existing Presbytery is required by the General Assembly to produce a 'Presbytery Mission Plan'. This Plan's focus is, as it says, to be mission and to try, under God, to make wise decisions that will encourage the Church to grow. However, part of this process will mean making hard decisions. In our own Presbytery, we are required to cut Full Time ministry posts from 23.1 posts currently to 13.5. We are also required to cut buildings. As you can imagine, this process will mean churches coming together and working together and much more collaboration than before. Ministers and other workers are also being encouraged to think about working in teams rather than on their own and to encourage the gifts and talents among the eldership and wider congregation.

Churches in the Three Towns and West Kilbride will not be immune to some of these changes – and we need to be open to these changes which may mean a slightly different way of working and worshipping. Our Presbytery Mission Plan is being drafted in the Spring – and needs to be approved by June this year by Presbytery and Faith Nurture at 121 in Edinburgh.

This is a lot of change at one time. Some of it will be difficult – but the hope and prayer is that, under God, the church will begin to grow and to flourish. Please pray that this would be the case!

Rev James McNay

Convenor of Appraisal - Ardrossan Presbytery.

Talking Ministry



Personal Story: Rev Nigel Chikanya

Rev Nigel Chikanya is married to Saviour and has two sons, Deuel, who is 8, and Dylan, who is one. Born in Zimbabwe, Nigel studied and was ordained in South Africa before transferring to the Church of Scotland in 2019. He is the minister of Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate.

What's your faith background?

I was born in a Christian family. I had a tough background growing up – my mum and dad divorced when I was six and then I went to stay with my grandmother. My grandmother was a more devout Christian so she took us to church every Sunday. I came to Christ as my personal saviour when I was 16 and the bulk of that was due to what I could see in my grandmother – she was instrumental in doing that as well as my uncle. The two showed me that even though I was born into a Christian family I could actually make my own decision. I was baptised just after that.

What was your path to ministry?

When I finished my A-Levels in Zimbabwe I had already started working part-time in a pharmacy and also teaching in a private college and it was during this time that I felt my call to ministry. I then did two years of teaching in primary and secondary schools. Due to my background, I couldn't believe that God would use a person like me.

As a young person on three occasions I had tried to commit suicide. The last time I deferred the whole act when I was disturbed by someone. Instead, I decided to go to a group of Christians that were meeting at the camp where I was working. Someone started praying for me and he felt that I was in the dark and that I needed to get the light of Christ. Afterwards they asked me what this was and I explained what I had planned. For me, from that moment onwards I had a purpose so the journey started from there where I felt that God wanted to use me to identify people who were in the same scenario as I was. Even though I could preach and lead a service but the main instrument of my life was to help people – people who were struggling.

When the call came in August of 2003 I really fought it and at that time I was hoping to become an accountant, so it all came by surprise. I went to 50 ministers in my town and asked them 'how did God call you' and 'how did you know'? In the end it took almost six months speaking to people. I realised every person's journey is different and my journey looked different. Then I shared with my minister, and he said 'I knew you were called!' I studied for a Bachelors in Theology in South Africa, and at the same time I did a BA Honours in Greek and Hebrew. After that I did my masters in theology.

What brought you to the Church of Scotland?

At the University of Pretoria I was fortunate to be taught by a very prominent church history professor, Graham Duncan, and he inspired me. Within the Presbytery of Zimbabwe we took part in ecumenical exchanges with the Church of Scotland. I also realised my denomination had a link with the Church of Scotland and that some of the missionaries came from Scotland to plant my denomination.

As an ordained minister I had the privilege of hosting visiting Church of Scotland ministers. One student came who is now a Church of Scotland minister and I was showing him how we did things and he said, 'Wow, this is good! The Church of Scotland could do with people like you'. I've always doubted myself but he was very persistent. I said, 'I'll think about it'. When my appointment was coming to an end I was exploring different places to go and I had a sense of calling to explore the Church of Scotland. I came to an admissions conference in 2018 and in 2019 I did my familiarisation.

Do you have any advice for people who might want to follow a calling?

The best advice I received from the 50 people I met with to discuss my calling was that God needs people to serve Him. He needs people to work, to come to the fore, to be involved. Just like me, you don't need to be thinking big. Small things matter and small things put together bring about things that are huge, that people can identify and say, 'wow God is at work in this'. Don't hesitate to listen to what other people have gone through. It's not only a feeling, it's what you hear, it's what you see, it's what you experience which leads you to say this could be God calling on me. It's tough but you will not regret it.

What has been your biggest challenge?

The biggest one for me has been to think that you are not able – but ministry is about God. I look at my strengths and weaknesses and think, 'I'm not good enough' and I almost limit God that way. It's not about what I can do, it's about what God can do. In Scotland, sometimes I see that the heart is willing but some people no longer have the strength they had. My congregation is an elderly one and they want to do quite a lot, but they can't run as much as they want to. I pray that God will raise more young people because we need them in the churches.

What attracted you to your parish?

With the experiences I've had in life I always look out for challenges. When I realised God was calling me to this church I could see the soil was ready and yet there were a lot of challenges. When I walked into the building for the first time the roof was falling down. In terms of the outlook it wasn't good, but what I could sense from what they had written down was that the congregation were a faithful people, a people who are willing. They were looking for a leader to work with them.

I may be the teacher or pastor but I come along with others, which for me is a clear view of what ministry should look like. Already I've seen my first miracle – I couldn't see any hope when I first walked into that church but we have been back in the church since the 19 December and it looks beautiful.

NOTE:

Here at the High Kirk we are so grateful to have Nigel and his lovely family as neighbours and friends. As we look forward to a wonderful partnership in the Gospel, please continue to remember Nigel, Saviour, and their boys - Deuel and Dylan - in your prayers.



Talking Mission

“Just being a church member didn’t seem enough for me...”

Anyone who’s ever had more than a passing conversation with Ellon Parish Church elder Sandra would know the truth of this statement. You see, Sandra has a preposterous life ethic; if something’s worth doing then it’s worth throwing your whole self into. In Ellon Parish Church we say ‘Get your whole self in’.

Sandra is a joy to volunteer alongside – whether it’s choir singing, rural committee organising, Session Clerking or committee leading, you know that you’re going to get all-embracing engagement and total trustworthiness.

For decades this is how communities from Alness to Ardwel have thrived. People volunteering their time to help community organisations like the rural, rotary, bowling clubs or the church. This is also where the problem dwells. If the church is full of folk who put the kirk in the same basket as all the other community organisations, then we’ll struggle. The Church’s purpose will be at odds with her members because, the church has never been about charity fundraising dinners, coffee mornings or meetings. The church is about bringing people into an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. This is our mission. This is what changed Sandra from being the most glorious, dedicated community volunteer into a living, breathing, struggling, joyful, faltering real disciple of Jesus Christ.

Sandra’s journey began in a wee, rural Aberdeenshire church before moving to Ellon and getting involved here. Becoming more involved “...because probably I was nosey...” gave her more confidence. Over time she was asked to become Session Clerk because people recognised her dedication and skills. A top class Session Clerk she was – dedicated, organised, supportive and willing to gracefully disagree. As glorious as that is, it still doesn’t make someone a disciple. It still doesn’t move the church beyond a bunch of well-meaning attenders into community-altering radicals stirred up by their relationship with Jesus Christ. It wasn’t enough for Sandra...

“When I became an elder, I got a district and I went to session meetings and I tapped my feet on the floor in agreement. It didn’t fulfil me. It was almost like we were encouraged to

become an elder to fill a space, to make up the numbers. And it didn’t fulfil.”

Becoming the leader of the Mission and Discipleship Team helped because it allowed her to “gather information and learn more.” She was inspired by all she learned, and especially moved by a focus on the Fruit of the Spirit. Even more reshaping was to come through a direct encounter with the Holy Spirit...

“There is no doubt the Alpha Course changed my inner feelings. I always remember the middle Saturday. I’ve never been so moved or felt such an intense warmth... an internal feeling that overtook me. I was completely taken aback by how I felt. And I think since then, I still get stressed, but a lot more of the time now I’m more at peace with myself and things in general.”

I can see lasting change. She’s faced some difficult situations where she’s relied on God for peace. From tapping feet in meetings to transformed by God, Sandra’s adventure of faith has been lived through the institution, but was never bound by it. Sandra used all the church had to offer to bring a life-altering, peace-giving relationship with God which spills out into her relationships and work in the community.

As we look to 2022, and consider the uncertainty of our church institutions, we can be overwhelmed with the task at hand and not know how to fix things. We’re not called to fix an institution or even an organisation. What moved Sandra from church member to disciple was being open to encountering God as part of the church. That came through different routes, but mainly a focus on scripture and then through being prayed for at the Alpha Course. Let’s be clear, it wasn’t about the Alpha course, it was about offering a space where God could minister to her. In an Aberdeenshire church building, with a packed-lunch and some coffee.

It’s not about big budgets, flashing lights or loads of people helping. Three people in a church hall, coffee, and space for God to work. People. Coffee. God. It’s about intentionally structuring our church life towards bringing everyone into a relationship with God, over and over and over again, every single week. It starts with those who sit in our pews... exactly where Sandra was.

This article appeared on the Church of Scotland’s ASCEND website.

Church calls for ceasefire in Ukraine

As Europe wakes to news that Russia has launched an invasion of Ukraine, the Church of Scotland is calling on all parties to renew peacemaking efforts and prepare to offer humanitarian aid to the people of that country.

The Faith Impact Forum has been in regular dialogue with members of our partner church, the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine (Egyházkerület Kárpátaljai Református) and will continue to support them through prayer and advocacy.

The Church is also joining with the World Communion of Reformed Churches, the Lutheran World Federation, the Conference of European Churches, and World Council of Churches to work together to collectively support the churches and people of Ukraine in seeking a peaceful solution.

Lord Wallace, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, said: "Our prayers are with the Ukrainian people who are now under attack and in fear of their lives.

"We call on the UK Government to join with governments across the world and together persuade all parties to agree to a ceasefire and immediately return to the negotiating table.

"At the same time we ask the UK Government to prepare a generous humanitarian response to assist people fleeing the war.

"As a matter of urgency the government should prepare a plan to receive and resettle refugees from the conflict and support neighbouring countries to respond locally to the crisis.

"The Covid pandemic and the intensifying climate crisis has shown us that no catastrophe can be isolated and what affects one region affects all of us.

"More than ever, national governments need to find a way to work together for the sake of our common humanity."

The Moderator and the Very Rev Dr Susan Brown, convener of the Faith Impact Forum, are inviting all of us to join them in praying for those who are suffering from the violence in Ukraine.

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

*O God, the refuge and strength of all,
You hold the people of Ukraine
In the palm of your hand.
The name of each person there,
Is written on your heart.*

*In the darkness of invasion
And in the mire of political machinations,
Spread we pray, the light of hope
And of justice, and of peace.
Encourage those who are frightened,
To find strength in you
And in those around them -
Near and far.*

*Help the worldwide family of nations
To respond in love
With outstretched hearts,
Open minds,
And with too, the wisdom needed
to effect a peace that lasts.*

*Save us we pray,
From not caring enough.
For your Son's sake.*



Keswick Ayrshire 2022

We are delighted to announce that Keswick Ayrshire 2022 will take place in person at the Park Hotel in Kilmarnock from 3rd – 5th June 2022.

Our main speaker for the event will be Alistair Begg. Alistair is Senior Pastor of Cleveland's Parkside Church as well as being well-known for his Bible teaching with 'Truth for Life' and the author of many books.

Each evening session will begin at 7.30pm with doors opening at 6.30pm. There will be praise from the Keswick Ayrshire Band, input from partner organisations and teaching by Alistair Begg on the theme 'In Christ Alone'.

There will also be stalls from various Christian organisations as well as a book stall from '10 of Those'.

This year to enable us to ensure that everyone has a seat and that there will be plenty of space each night, the event is ticketed. A ticket costs £5 per evening session and must be bought online in advance. You can buy a ticket by going to:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/keswick-ayrshire-2022-tickets-169872694803?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1



Easter Story

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CAMPBELL BANKS

Campbell was born on Hogmanay, 1925. The family lived in Kilwinning and Campbell had ten siblings, only one of whom – his brother, John -now survives.

Campbell's first job was as a butcher and when World War II broke out, he joined up as a paratrooper. This led to many adventures, including parachuting into Germany. He travelled widely with his regiment before being demobbed in 1946. He then returned to work before obtaining a management post with the supermarket chain, then known as Templeton's. Soon after, he became an Area Manager, and this meant extensive travel across the country. The supermarket "boom" then began to happen and Templeton's became Presto. Campbell oversaw the opening of many new stores and this gave him great pride and a lot of satisfaction.

During this time, he married May Henry and they had two sons, Andrew and Ian. Sadly, Andrew

passed away in 2015. Campbell was always keen to ensure that his family was well provided for. He was always full of energy and spent a lot of his time on home improvements and gardening.

He suffered the loss of his first wife in 1979 and married again in 1982. Very sadly, his second wife also died some years later. Despite his losses, Campbell remained strong and supportive for his family. In his latter years he had moved to live with Andrew in Stevenston. He always enjoyed chatting and was an inspiration for many of us.

He became an elder in the Abbey Church in Kilwinning and later in the North Parish Church. Campbell would often share how he felt so much at home here at the High Kirk, where we appreciated his fellowship and warmth of personality.

As we give thanks to God for the memories we cherish of Campbell, we continue to remember his family in our prayers.

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WEDDINGS

*"Many waters cannot quench love;
rivers cannot wash it away..."*

Friday 27th May at 1pm
Myshel Howie & Scott Picken

Friday 23rd September at 4pm
Naomi McKee & Kenneth Gilmour



Daily Bible Reading



DATE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
1	Matthew 22:23-33	Revelation 2:1-7	Revelation 20:11-15
2	Matthew 22:34-40	Revelation 2:8-11	Revelation 21
3	Matthew 22:41-46	Revelation 2:12-17	Revelation 22:1-6
4	Matthew 23	Revelation 2:18-29	Revelation 22:7-21
5	Matthew 24:1-35	Revelation 3:1-6	Acts 1:1-11
6	Matthew 24:36-51	Revelation 3:7-13	Acts 1:12-26
7	Matthew 25:1-13	Revelation 3:14-22	Acts 2:1-13
8	Matthew 25:14-30	Revelation 4	Acts 2:14-41
9	Matthew 25:31-46	Revelation 5	Acts 2:42-47
10	Matthew 26:1-5	Revelation 6	Acts 3:1-10
11	Matthew 26:6-13	Revelation 7:1-8	Acts 3:11-26
12	Matthew 26:14-16	Revelation 7:9-17	Acts 4:1-22
13	Matthew 26:17-30	Revelation 8:1-5	Acts 4:23-31
14	Matthew 26:31-35	Revelation 8:6-9:21	Acts 4:32-37
15	Matthew 26:36-46	Revelation 10	Acts 5:1-11
16	Matthew 26:47-56	Revelation 11:1-14	Acts 5:12-16
17	Matthew 26:57-68	Revelation 11:15-19	Acts 5:17-42
18	Matthew 26:69-75	Revelation 12:1-13:1a	Acts 6:1-7
19	Matthew 27:1-10	Revelation 13:1b-10	Acts 6:8-15
20	Matthew 27:11-26	Revelation 13:11-18	Acts 7:1-53
21	Matthew 27:27-31	Revelation 14:1-5	Acts 7:54-8:3
22	Matthew 27:32-44	Revelation 14:6-13	Acts 8:4-8
23	Matthew 27:45-56	Revelation 14:14-20	Acts 8:9-25
24	Matthew 27:57-61	Revelation 15	Acts 8:26-40
25	Matthew 27:62-66	Revelation 16	Acts 9:1-19a
26	Matthew 28:1-10	Revelation 17	Acts 9:19b-31
27	Matthew 28:11-15	Revelation 18	Acts 9:32-43
28	Matthew 28:16-20	Revelation 19:1-10	Acts 10:1-8
29	Revelation 1:1-8	Revelation 19:11-21	Acts 10:9-23a
30	Revelation 1:9-20	Revelation 20:1-6	Acts 10:23b-48
31		Revelation 20:7-10	