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WHAT'S ON

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

The word 'sin' is not popular in our 21st century world if it is used in a Christian sense. Rather, it is reduced to a tabloid headline about some philandering footballer or politician.

There can be prurient interest in the downfalls of various celebrities. It seems to be popular to raise people to heights before bringing them down to earth. Newspapers have done this for a long time, and now in addition social media tweets can be dragged out from ten years ago to condemn someone in the present. This must be so worrying for today's young adults – who of us would like to be remind of some of the opinions we held in our youth? For these tweets and online rants are held in the ether for ever – only to re-emerge to haunt people. Their sins shall find them out!

The theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote of the mistaken view of sin. He wrote whilst incarcerated by the Nazis;

Man is certainly a sinner, but his sin lies not in his weaknesses which can be spied out, but in his strength. Goethe and Napoleon were sinners, not because they were unfaithful husbands, but

because of the use of their strength. The Bible never spies out little sins, it deals with more serious issues than the scandal columns of the newspapers.

Bonhoeffer's words are worth remembering when there are such dangerous forces at work in our world. We face threats to democracy from unaccountable behemoths such as Facebook. Whilst fake-news is placed by Russia and other groups. The far-right is in the ascendancy in many parts of the world. All these groups assert their power – and this is where their sin lies – as Bonhoeffer pointed out. If their misuse of power result in harm to people and our planet, then they can be seen as part of humanities sinful enthronement of self-interest and prejudice in place of God. For sin, in the Christian sense, is not about wee misdemeanours, rather it is the self-imposed distance between us and God. Christ came to tear down the barriers and set us right before God.

Our time of Lent is where we deal with major themes of human sin and the cost of Christ's salvation work. So let us walk with Christ throughout March and on into the wonder of resurrection hope as seen at Easter.

Rev Dugald Cameron

REV CHRIS FULCHER'S PRESENTATION

Christine MacBryde our Session Clerk, Sandra Russell from the Prayer Group and Alexander MacEwan from Family Faithshare handed over tokens of our appreciation to Rev Chris. Val Hamilton had made a beautiful preaching stole for Chris, and one of John MacLean's stunning photos was presented. Christine gave Chris a cheque from us all. We wish Rev Chris all God's blessing in her new Presbytery position.





GAELIC SERVICE

We will celebrate Communion at our Gaelic Service on Sunday 24th March. This will be at the new time of 2.00pm. After intensive coaching from Babs MacIntyre and Freddie MacKenzie our minister Rev Dugald will preside at the Sacrament with readings and prayers led by our members. All Gaelic speakers and learners are most welcome.

H2O PLEASE PRAY:

- That Dani and H2O's schedule forms in God's hands:
"We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps." Prov. 16:9
- That youth would be open, impacted, and changed by the love and goodness of God through our efforts during breakfast club, breaks, and one-to-one mentoring each day.
- For the provision of more volunteers.
- That our community would also be impacted and transformed through the work of H2O.



The month of March sees the Christian Church world-wide walk with Christ on the road to the cross. From the first Sunday in Lent, **March 10th**, through Palm Sunday on **April 14th**, and on to Easter Friday we will open our hearts and minds to the cost of salvation, the price paid in love by God for Gospel truth.

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

Rev Dugald continues to be happily involved with the life of our local schools. He is sole/soul chaplain to Park Primary, and shares the same with the Free High minister. Rev James Beaton, in Rockfield Primary. He conducts fortnightly assemblies in both schools as well as taking part in other aspects of school life. Over the last

year he has become more prominent in the life of OHS as the chaplaincy role there moves forward in a positive way. It is good to know that in these changing times there is still such a warm and positive welcome for the Church in the life of our local schools.



OBAN HIGH SCHOOL



PROPERTY UPDATE



Kilmore Kirk

After the successful installation of a kitchen we are still anticipating a water connection. Scottish Water have been has received our application and we await a date and costings. We are also look towards finalising the legal requirements for the toilet block, and once in position we will move towards fundraising and thereafter construction.

Oban Parish Church

Our pigeons have grown arms and legs. After seeking Presbytery advice, a more long-term solution is being sought to eradicate the problem of pigeons roosting on the louvres against the interior grates. Peter Mills has come onto the Property Committee and has taken up on this pigeon task.



REV CHRIS FULCHER



The Guild welcomed Rev Chris to their last meeting as their guest speaker.



When the original kirk sanctuary textiles were designed, Val Hamilton drew inspiration from the existing symbolism found in the architectural features and motifs from the stained glass windows.

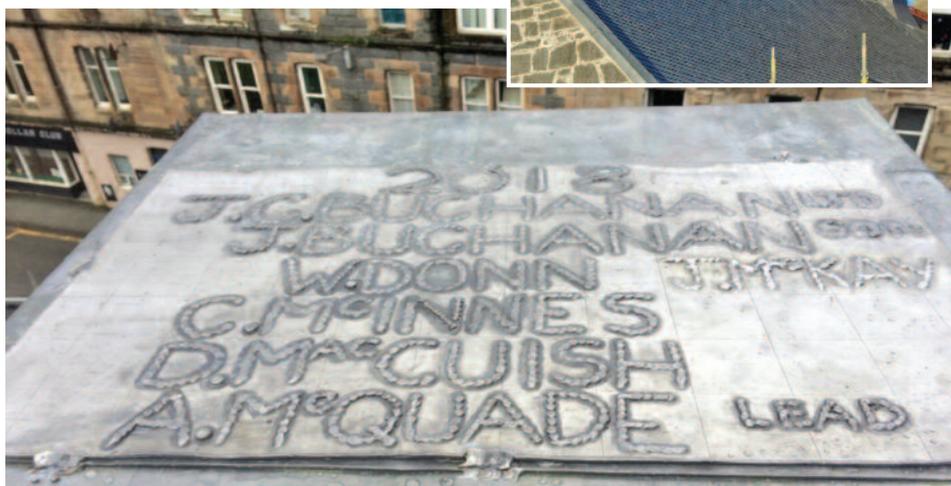
Naturally this includes Christian references (Pentecostal dove, rainbow of hope etc) which are combined with familiar local icons such as the Galley of Lorne and other Celtic symbols.

Val selected some of these elements when creating the stole for Rev Chris. The colour scheme reflects the local marine environment through swirling water patterns and a variety of fabric textures which bring a richness to the piece.

If you are interested in learning more about the symbolism used in such work and to hear more about her design practice, Val hopes to share some of her 'design secrets' with the Friendship Club in their forthcoming spring schedule.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

When Contractor J Buchanan finished work he made up a lead square with workers' names and it is located for posterity up on a roof vent.



THE GUILD



Welcomes Men & Women of all ages

It was with very mixed feelings that The Guild welcomed Rev Chris to their last meeting as their guest speaker (photo opposite).

We were delighted to welcome her as one of our own, as we learned more about her new position in "Hub Ministry" back home in Kintyre, but we are going to miss her as our Assistant Minister, Guild member and friend.

We wish Chris and her husband Steve well in their Parish ministry in Kintyre. Our loss is certainly South Argyll's gain.

With her goes our love and best wishes for the future. Haste ye back.

Margaret MacLean
Leader

ANNUAL STATED MEETING

The date for the ASM has been set for **Tuesday 26th March at 7.00pm** in the Church Centre Undercroft, followed by the Kirk Session.



PRAYER GROUP

Prayer is such a crucial and blessed part of being a Christian. we pray in church in worship, and many of us pray at home. Each week a small group from the congregation meet in the Church Centre (Mondays at 11.30am) for a time of reflection and prayer. Why not come along? It is a warm and gentle time with no pressure at all to contribute verbally. If you are interested, please speak to Rev Dugald.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT KILMORE & OBAN

Friday 1st March

19.00 PC Preparatory Service

Sunday 3rd March

10.30 PC Morning Worship with Communion

12.00 K Morning Worship with Communion

Monday 4th March

14.00 Dunmar Court Service with
Communion

Wednesday 6th March

15.00 PC Holy Communion (20 minute
service followed by tea & coffee)

Sunday 10th March (*Remember Hope Kitchen*)

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Sunday 17th March

10.30 PC Morning Worship

Sunday 24th March

10.30 PC Morning Worship

2.00 PC Gaelic Worship

Sunday 31st March

10.00 CC Family Faithshare

10.30 PC Morning Worship

KEY: CC – Church Centre
K – Kilmore Kirk
PC – Oban Parish Church

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

Funerals ...*Nothing can separate us from the Love of God*

Graham Webster of Columba Court, Oban

John MacKechnie of Lynn Court, Oban

William MacLeod of Torosay Court, Oban

Neil MacKinnon of Torosay Court, Oban

Edward McGhee of Hazeldean Crescent, Oban



KILMORE KIRK

Catch the first episode of series 5 of *DIY Le Donnie* on **Sunday 24th at 9.00pm** and available on the BBC iplayer for one month.

Thanks again to Kilmore and Oban Church of Scotland for so kindly taking part within the show – it was a blast!

Episode 1

Tue 19/2/19 – 9.00pm – Repeated Sun 24/2/19
On Iplayer for 1 Month

Episode 2

Tue 26/2/19 – 9.00pm – Repeated Sun 3/3/19
On Iplayer for 1 Month

Episode 3

Tue 5/3/19 – 9.00pm – Repeated Sun 10/3/19
On Iplayer for 1 Month

Episode 4

Tue 12/3/19 – 9.00pm – Repeated Sun 17/3/19
On Iplayer for 1 Month

Episode 5

Tue 19/3/19 – 9.00pm – Repeated Sun 24/3/19
On Iplayer for 1 Month

Donnie

PARKING

We are fortunate in being allowed to park in the Lorn Medical Centre Car Park when the surgery is not in use. I am sure this is not our folk, however, would you spread the word that even when parking is happening during permitted times cars are not to be left in designated medical staff places.

Further, local supermarkets are generous in their time allowance for parking. Please spread the word that, especially at funerals, people respect the priority that shoppers take and find alternative places to park. Please note we have received no complaint from our local stores. Rather, this is the church seeking to be a good neighbour.

EDITORIAL: Ken MacColl

Our next edition will be available on Sunday 31st March 2019.

Copy and photographs should be at the Church Office or sent direct to the editor at kenmaccoll@btinternet.com by Monday 25th March 2019.

Photographs and short news items are always welcome.

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