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Charity Numbers Mochrum SC003300 Kirkinner SC001946 Sorbie SC010621

## A WARM WELCOME

Some of you may be aware that we said goodbye to our 16-year-old Black Labrador, Bonnie Belle on 11th May this year. She had a long and happy life with us in the Manse at Wigtown. Nothing, however, could prepare us for the loss we felt, as a family, when she died. But the next question was obvious. Do we get another dog? We explored some of our options and came to a conclusion. We welcomed another Black Labrador puppy, Lizzy Grace, into our family on the 10th July, just nine weeks old. Life just got a little crazier.

The cycle of life and death continue in all our lives. It is always hard to say goodbye but the joys of saying hello to new life are so very precious. The Bible contains numerous stories of life and death and seeks to explore the meaning and purpose of life. The most significant of these stories contain the accounts of Jesus' life and death.

What distinguishes this one man from every other person who ever lived is that his death did not end his life. For Jesus rose from the grave giving us hope of new life in him: born again, born anew, born from above.

Surely, we must welcome this opportunity of life renewed. As the Scripture says, 'For the old order of things has passed away ... See, I am making everything new' (Revelation 21:4-5).

Our Church needs new life. Your presence will change us and renew us. Come join us. You will be warmly welcomed into our Church family.

Whatever you may be facing on this life's journey may God bless you and yours this day, and in the days to come.

**Rev. Eric Boyle** (*Interim Moderator*)

## CHURCH SERVICES LIST

Services normally start at 11.00am but please note exceptions. For details of the Minister leading the services, where not listed, please contact the Session Clerk Jenni Gray on 01988 700948

### AUGUST

6th	Sorbie	Rev. Eric Boyle
13th	Mochrum	Donna Brewster
20th	Sorbie	Elder led service
27th	Mochrum	Catherine Morrison

### SEPTEMBER

3rd	Sorbie	Donna Brewster
10th	Mochrum	Service of Holy Communion led by Rev. Eric Boyle
17th	Sorbie	Catherine Morrison
24th	Wigtown	<b>11.30am</b> - Joint service at Wigtown Parish Church with a Guest Speaker from America.

### OCTOBER

1st	Sorbie	
8th	Mochrum	Harvest Thanksgiving
15th	Sorbie	
22nd	Mochrum	
29th	Sorbie	

### NOVEMBER

5th	Mochrum	
12th	Sorbie	<b>12 noon</b> - Catherine Morrison <b>10.50am</b> - There will be a short Service of Remembrance with wreath laying at Port William War Memorial. Wreath laying services will also be held at Garlieston, Kirkinner and Sorbie - <i>times to be confirmed.</i>
19th	Mochrum	
26th	Sorbie	

### DECEMBER

3rd	Mochrum	
10th	Sorbie	
17th	Mochrum	Service of Lessons and Carols with the Creetown Silver Band
24th	Sorbie	
31st	Mochrum	

# MOCHRUM PARISH CHURCH REGISTER

## FUNERALS

*“The Lord Is My Shepherd”*

<b>May</b>	Robert Turner	Formerly Port William
	Anne Cowan	Port William
	Winnie Ross	Glenluce
	Dawn Brawls	Formerly Port William

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## ELDERS' DUTY LIST

<b>August</b>	* Bridget Hillman	\$ Moira Adams
<b>September</b>	* Ann Wadsworth	\$ Harry Walker
<b>October</b>	* Moira Adams	\$ Elizabeth Wallace
<b>November</b>	* Ann Wadsworth	\$ Harry Walker
<b>December</b>	* Elizabeth Wallace	\$ Moira Adams

\* *In charge*    \$ *Deputy*

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## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September** - Mochrum Church

### DUTY ELDERS

Ann Wadsworth, Moira Adams, Elizabeth Wallace and Anne Gorman.

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## COFFEE MORNING ROTA

<b>September</b>	<b>6th</b>	Monica McTurk
<b>October</b>	<b>4th</b>	Lorraine Ker and Beth Robinson
<b>November</b>	<b>1st</b>	Rachel Wadsworth and Helen McTier
<b>December</b>	<b>6th</b>	Vicky Parker and Barbara Mellor

(with Sales Table)

## FLOWER ROTA FOR MOCHRUM KIRK

<b>September</b>	<b>10th</b>	Helen Oxley
	<b>24th</b>	Joint Service at Wigtown Parish Church
<b>October</b>	<b>8th</b>	Harvest/Elizabeth Wallace
	<b>22nd</b>	Rachel Wadsworth
<b>November</b>	<b>5th</b>	Morag Walker
	<b>19th</b>	Anne Highman
<b>December</b>	<b>3rd</b>	Lorraine Ker
	<b>17th</b>	Jenni Gray
	<b>31st</b>	Ann Wadsworth

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## QUIZ - NAME THE MEALS

The following are all popular meals or dishes, the clues are given as the initial letter together with the number of letters in the word.

*For example: S5 & K6 P3 would be Steak & Kidney Pie.*

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|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1) B5 & E4     | 5) C7 P3    | 9) T5 & O6      |
| 2) F4 & C5     | 6) I5 S4    | 10) B5 B5 O2 T5 |
| 3) T4 I2 T3 H4 | 7) B7 & M4  | 11) R5 B4 Y9 P7 |
| 4) W5 R7       | 8) C6 C3 C5 | 12) L5 & B5     |

*Answers on page 16*



MAXWELL HALL PRESENTS

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## MOCHRUM SESSION CLERK'S REPORT

As I have been putting together the dates for the Parish Diary I can't help but think how quickly the year is passing. I hope that for most of you it has been kind so far, although I know that some will have experienced sad times in the loss of loved ones, some of you are suffering ill health and may be in pain and many are struggling with the cost of living which is not getting any easier. The world is still in such turmoil and all we can do, as echoed in the words of a favourite hymn is to look forward in faith, all time is in God's hands, walk humbly with Him and trust His future plans. Difficult I know but we have to hope and pray that there will be better times to come.

Although we don't have a minister anymore at Mochrum, or Sorbie the Kirk is still very much here for you all. With the help of Rev. Boyle who organises a rota for us our services continue each and every Sunday morning, either here in Mochrum or at Sorbie. Services have been led by Rev Boyle, Donna Brewster, Catherine Morrison, Ian Robinson or by Morag Donnan at Sorbie and myself here at Mochrum with many of the elders also taking part. In June we all joined with Wigtown Parish Church; together with the Baptist Church for a special service celebrating the Wigtown Martyrs and in July we held our usual "Sea Sunday" service when Vicky Parker again made the church look extra special with a nautical display as you can see from the photo below, and even the refreshments reflected the theme.

Port William Community Association SCIO came along at the end of July with the newly crowned Queen who, along with other members of the Association took an active part in the service. Our Thursday Club still meets fortnightly, and on the first Wednesday of every month we still hold our Coffee Morning 10.15-11.15am in the Maxwell Hall. Sadly, like so many things now, this is not getting the support it needs so do please come along, the welcome is always warm; the home baking delicious; there are Kirk souvenirs on sale and in December we are planning to have a Christmas themed sales table. This is very much a part of our outreach and is so enjoyed by those who do still make the effort to attend; for some it may even be the only time in the month that they can get together with others, so do please come along and support this; we need you, to ensure that it can continue.



On the 10th September at Mochrum we will be holding a Service of Holy Communion, and if you are not able to be there and would like to receive home communion, please do let me know and I am sure that this can be arranged.

On the 24th September, the first Sunday of the Book Festival, we shall be holding another joint service

at Wigtown Parish Church when there will be a guest speaker from America so we are looking forward to that. We shall again be holding a service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Port William on the 12th November and will then start to think about Christmas with the Creetown Silver Band already booked for the 17th December; that and the school service are always my favourite services of the year.



Applications are still invited for our annual Bursary (*see page 19*), awarded to assist students in further education, but only one bursary can be awarded so do please get your application to me as soon as possible as the closing date is the 23rd September.

Sadly attendance at church continues to decline as members get older, some are struggling with health issues and sadly some are no longer with us but we still have to keep the church running. We have had a visit from the Fire Safety Auditing Officer who has reminded us that it is time to get our electrical equipment PAT tested; we are waiting on Galloway Signs to update the notice board; there has been a leak in the heating system which has been fixed and some of the paint work has been touched up. So expenses continue but with attendance declining so is income.

Although the church membership list stands at 198 there are now only 33 active members who donate using the envelope scheme; 19 of which have made no contribution so do please think about joining this, and if you can gift aid your donation I can claim back 25% from HMRC so even if you aren't able to come to church, just a pound or two each week into your envelope will make all the difference.

Meanwhile we are here or at Sorbie every Sunday morning at 11.00am, the kettle is on, there is always home baking to be enjoyed and the welcome is warm, so do please come along and join us if you can.

You all remain, always in our prayers.

**Jenni Gray**

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## MOCHRUM GUILD REPORT

Mochrum Guild does not hold any meetings during the summer months but we will be starting our new syllabus in September and hope to see many new faces. Please do come along and join us, we usually have a speaker followed by a cuppa and biscuit and it lasts about an hour and a half.

We will resume on **Tuesday 12th September** when Rev. Eric Boyle will be our speaker.

**Tuesday 10th October** is Elizabeth Sykes from Citizens Advice Bureau, Stranraer.

**Tuesday 14th November** is Newton Stewart Museum.

Everyone is given a warm welcome to join us at these meetings held in the Supper Room of Maxwell Hall at 2pm.

Mochrum Guild invites you to our  
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The **Maxwell Hall Management Team** are always very grateful for our user groups and were pleased to have two recent additions, both of which provide important services to people in times of worry and need.

**Alzheimer's Scotland** held three sessions, offering support and practical advice for sufferers and carers/family. Although not well attended, they were very well received, and we're hoping they'll return. If they do, and the publication timing fits in, we'll put a mention in a future magazine.

A **Citizens' Advice** advisor is in residence on a drop-in basis once a month, next session on Tuesday 29th August 9am-1pm.

Now onto hall improvements! A community hall should be a warm and welcoming place, and the new heating and sound panels brought very positive feedback. Our next targets are to upgrade the ground floor toilet and the kitchen. We are just starting on that, and will keep you regularly informed.

Also, some **BIG** ideas have been discussed! We'd consult and seek hall users' views before proceeding. However, while we lease rather than own the building, these must be on the back burner.

Council ownership also means we are dependent on them for external repairs and maintenance. Hall users have probably noticed creeping damp patches in the corridor, coming through the roof and external wall on that side. This was reported to the council many months ago, with regular reminders... (Unfortunately until the damp issues have been attended to, we can't redecorate much of the interior. We'd love to freshen and brighten it up.)

The prolonged torrential rain on Monday 10th July resulted in water ingress in the corridor and the upstairs ladies' toilet. Both had large puddles on the floor and deterioration of the ceilings above. We informed the Council immediately, and hope that this will underline our concerns and finally result in action.



To finish, can we give a particular thank you to Monday night Bingo, whose prompt action and help on that "rather wet night" was very much appreciated by the MhM Committee.

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# MOCHRUM, KIRKINNER/SORBIE PARISH DIARY

## SEPTEMBER

Sunday	3rd	11.00am	Service at Sorbie
Wednesday	6th	10.15am	Coffee Morning Maxwell Hall, Port William)
Thursday	7th	2.30pm	Thursday Club meets at The View
		7.30pm	Mochrum Board/Session meeting
Sunday	10th	11.00am	Service at Mochrum with Holy Communion
		3.00pm	Annual Ecumenical Service at Cruggleton
Tuesday	12th	2.00pm	Mochrum Guild (Supper Room, Maxwell Hall, Port William)
Sunday	17th	11.00am	Service at Sorbie
Thursday	21st	2.30pm	Thursday Club meets at the View
		7.30pm	Port William SWI (Supper Room, Maxwell Hall, Port William)
Saturday	23rd		Closing date for Bursary applications
Sunday	24th	11.30am	Joint Service at Wigtown Parish Church
Wednesday	27th	7.30pm	PWCC – (Supper Room, Maxwell Hall, Port William)

## OCTOBER

Sunday	1st	11.00am	Service at Sorbie
Wednesday	4th	10.15am	Coffee Morning (Maxwell Hall, Port William)
Thursday	5th	2.30pm	Thursday Club meets at The View
Sunday	8th	11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Mochrum
Tuesday	10th	2.00pm	Mochrum Guild (Supper Room, Maxwell Hall, Port William)
Sunday	15th	11.00am	Service at Sorbie
Thursday	19th	2.30pm	Thursday Club meets at The View
		7.30pm	Port William SWI (Supper Room, Maxwell Hall, Port William)
Sunday	22nd	11.00am	Service at Mochrum
Wednesday	25th	7.30pm	PWCC – (Supper Room, Maxwell Hall, Port William)
Sunday	29th	11.00am	Service at Sorbie

## NOVEMBER

Wednesday	1st	10.15am	Coffee Morning (Maxwell Hall, Port William)
Thursday	2nd	2.30pm	Thursday Club meets at The View
Sunday	5th	11.00am	Service at Mochrum
Sunday	12th	10.50am	Service at the War Memorial, Port William
		12 noon	Morning Worship at Sorbie.
			Wreath laying Garlieston, Kirkinner and Sorbie - <i>times to be confirmed</i>
Tuesday	14th	2.00pm	Mochrum Guild (Supper Room, Maxwell Hall, Port William)
Thursday	16th	2.30pm	Thursday Club meets at The View
Thursday	16th	7.30pm	Port William SWI (Supper Room, Maxwell Hall, Port William)
Saturday	18th	10.00am	to 4.00pm. Christmas Craft Fayre (Maxwell Hall, Port William)
Sunday	19th	11.00am	Service at Mochrum
Sunday	26th	11.00am	Service at Sorbie
Wednesday	29th	7.30pm	PWCC – (Supper Room, Maxwell Hall, Port William)
Thursday	30th	2.30pm	Thursday Club meets at The View

## DECEMBER

***Christmas Arrangements with Dates and Times for Mochrum Guild and Port William SWI to be confirmed.***

Sunday	3rd	11.00am	Service at Mochrum
Wednesday	6th	10.15am	Coffee Morning (Maxwell Hall, Port William) with Christmas Themed Sales Table
Sunday	10th	11.00am	Service at Sorbie
Thursday	14th	2.30pm	Thursday Club meets at The View
Sunday	17th	11.00am	Service of Lessons and Carols at Mochrum with the Creetown Silver Band
Sunday	24th	11.00am	Service at Sorbie
Sunday	31st	11.00am	Service at Mochrum

## NATURAL HISTORY OBSERVATIONS - January to June 2023

In late **January** there were around 20 Brent Geese offshore, up to 30 Curlew and 100 Herring Gulls in fields at the rear of the beach. The usual birds of the shore were seen at Port William including Redshank, Oystercatchers, Ringed Plover and Turnstone.

**February** at the Barhobble area saw Primroses in flower and the Polypody Fern was common along the hedgerows. There were numerous lichens on the hedgerow shrubs in particular on Blackthorn.

Early **March** at Kings Green there were Linnets, Reed Buntings, Wren and two male and one female Eider offshore, a rare sighting for Luce Bay. Late in the month near Monreith two Goldcrest, two Chiffchaff, Wren and Great Tit were seen and in nearby Clarksburn Wood there were many lichens and an Oak Marble Gall.

It appears to be a late year for Spring, the early flora is certainly late and species such as Coltsfoot have been very shy to show themselves.

At the start of **April** we held a moth night at Seymour House, after a promising start weather-wise the skies cleared, it became colder and the moths did not appear. We had just two Hebrew Character, six Common Quaker and one micro moth which was very worn and we were unable to identify it. A day or two later Julie from next door had several specimens of the Silky Pinkgill fungus in her garden.

At the end of the first week in April, Sandwich Terns, Redshank, Curlew, Oystercatchers, Pied Wagtail and Rock Pipit were all seen at Port William.

Monreith Estate was visited on 9th April and the following plants were seen: Pyrenean Squill, White Butterbur, Opposite-leaved Golden Saxifrage, Cherry Laurel, American Skunk Cabbage (hundreds upon hundreds of plants covering a huge area,) Pussy Willow, Ramsons, Daisy, Few-flowered Garlic (a fast spreading Alien plant and it has arrived in Port William), Common Dog Violet, Primrose, Californian Honeysuckle and Purple Toothwort. The following were not in flower: Dog's Tooth Violet, Yellow-flowered Strawberry and Coralroot. A Script lichen was also seen on a Beech bark.

On the 24th April there were four Sandwich

Terns off Second Sands, Port William, and the following plants were seen: Primrose, Thale Cress, Danish Scurvy Grass, Common Scurvy Grass, Honesty, Ivy leaved Speedwell, Lesser Celandine and Grey Field Speedwell.

Arriving home from Orkney, we held a moth night on 17th **May**. It was mild and overcast, ideal for moths you would think, yet we only recorded 15 species. There seems to be a growing trend among people with moth traps of a decline in moth numbers, yet further evidence of the dramatic decline of all species in the natural world. However, Brimstone, Nut-tree Tussock, Galium Carpet, Marbled Coronet, Scalloped Hazel, Least Black Arches and Brown Silver-line were among those recorded. The same day Holly Blue was seen both in our garden and also Julie and Dave our neighbours' garden. No it wasn't the same insect!

On 20th May a short visit to Barsalloch Point, a mile or two from Port William, yielded the following: Sea Kale (abundant on the shore), Soft Cranesbill, Common Storksbill, Changing Forget-me-Not, Thyme-leaved Sandwort, Common Cornsalad, Sea Mouse-ear and Early Purple Orchid (*see photo*).

The following day we went to check on the status of the rare Bithynian Vetch (*see photo*) that grows above Port of Counan near Glasserton. It had previously been fairly local both in numbers and location here but we were taken aback by the spread of the species. It has covered a distance of some two hundred metres and there must have been hundreds maybe thousands of plants in flower, a lovely sight! This location, to my knowledge, is the only place in Galloway where this species can be seen.

The Kidney Vetch, a far commoner species, was also here in abundance. A further rare species was also seen, the Dingy Skipper butterfly (*see photo*), found by Lisa whilst I was busy looking at the Vetch! Other butterflies seen were Wall, Common Blue and Orange-tip.

On a trip to Stein Head near Isle of Whithorn we saw Common Carder Bee, Common Blue butterfly, Small Copper, Wall and Meadow Brown. Plants included Spring Squill, Kidney Vetch, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Heath Dog Violet, Purple Milk Vetch, Sticky Groundsel, Spiny Restharrow, Sea Mouse-ear, Lesser Trefoil, Common Gorse and Thrift.

We continue our no-mow practice in several areas of the garden and Yellow Rattle continues to flourish and much to our amazement a single plant of Northern Marsh Orchid flowered (*see photo*). Navelwort, a rare plant here continues to increase, how it arrived I have no idea!

Early in **June**, another mothing night produced just 14 species including Elephant Hawk, Poplar Hawk, Pebble Prominent, White Ermine, Buff Ermine and Sandy Carpet. Later in the day and a visit to Garheugh Rocks provided us with lots of lovely plants including Bloody Cranesbill, Oysterplant, Sea Holly, Sea Campion, Sheepsbit, English Stonecrop, Wood Sage, Burnet Rose, and Sea Purslane.

In the middle of June a further mothing at Seymour House produced better results, some 33 species were recorded including Grey Dagger, Cinnabar, Riband Wave, Marbled Minor, Foxglove Pug, Drinker, Small Angle Shades, Mottled Beauty, Willow Beauty, Common Carpet, Miller, Straw Dot, Dotted Clay and Flame Shoulder. Later in the day we saw a Figwort Sawfly in the garden.

Towards the end of the month, the mowing of the grass in front of King's Green Caravan Site was a disappointment as it gave all the flowering plants no chance to set seed. Earlier in the season, nicely cut corridors leading from the campsite onto the beach had been provided and the cutting of the remainder would have been more appropriate later in the season. The cutting down of some of the beach flora including Marram Grass (rare here), Sea Beet and Sea Radish should not have been included surely! I'm sure people give of their time freely and are well meaning, just the timing maybe could be revised.

Later in the month and at Barsalloch Point there were several plants of the rare Yellow-Horned Poppy in flower whilst other species included Carline Thistle, Wild Thyme, Common Mullein, Teasel, Sea Kale (abundant as usual), Common Centaury and Yellow Stonecrop. A Cinnabar moth and Six-spot Burnet caterpillars were also seen. At the end of June Patchwork Leaf-cutter Bees were seen in the garden filling up holes we had drilled in an old log with the tell-tale neatly cut leaf segments from our rose bushes!

Happy holidays to you all.

**Alan Wake**



**Early Purple Orchid**



**Bithynian Vetch**



**Dingy Skipper**



**Northern Marsh Orchid**

## MONREITH AND DISTRICT ACTION GROUP

Monreith and District Action Group (MADAG) was formed in June 1994 when a public meeting of over 20 residents was held with the object of bringing the community together. The constitution stated that the objects were:-

1. To bring together the community of Monreith and surrounding district with a view to fostering community spirit.
2. To improve the environment and general amenities in Monreith and surrounding district.
3. To liaise with local Community Councillors and other such elected representatives of the community, as may be appropriate to achieve the objects of MADAG.
4. To raise funds to facilitate the above objects.
5. Any other such matters as may be deemed appropriate from time to time.

In 1982 the Village Hall was purchased by the Monreith Bowling Club for the sum of £1 sterling from Monreith Estate Company but by 1995 the hall was beginning to show its age and a formal agreement was drawn up with the bowlers that MADAG should share the annual running costs and allowing MADAG to fund-raise towards repairs and also to use the hall when free.

Over the years the fundraising has enabled the hall to be extensively refurbished with new wiring, double glazed windows, the porch was rebuilt, the rear premises were demolished and new ladies and gents toilets were installed. Fortunately substantial grants were acquired from the council and the National Lottery to help with these costs. Later, in 2000, the main roof was re-slatted and in 2005 oil-fired central heating was installed.

The events organised by MADAG for the village over the years have been many and varied ranging from Christmas and Hallowe'en parties, craft fairs, church services, coffee afternoons to name but a few. We always hold a Fun Day on the final Sunday of Port William Carnival Week which is well attended by locals and holiday makers providing a BBQ, ice cream, afternoon teas and games to be enjoyed by all age groups.

The Monreith Bowling Club continues to meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during the winter months and, outwith these times, the hall is available to rent at £6/hour.

### ANSWERS TO NAME THE MEAL QUIZ (page 5)

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|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1) Bacon & Eggs     | 5) Cottage Pie      | 9) Tripe & Onions                  |
| 2) Fish & Chips     | 6) Irish Stew       | 10) Baked Beans on Toast           |
| 3) Toad In The Hole | 7) Bangers & Mash   | 11) Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding |
| 4) Welsh Rarebit    | 8) Chilli Con Carne | 12) Liver & Bacon                  |

## PORT WILLIAM REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

### MONDAY

9.30 - 11.30am	Mothers and Toddlers (MH)
7.00pm	Bridge Club (Kirkinner)
7.30pm	Community Bingo (MH)
7.30pm	Bingo at Garlieston

### WEDNESDAY

10.00 - 11.00.am	Pilates (MH)
1.45pm	Bridge Club at Wigtown Golf Club

### THURSDAY

9.30 - 11.30am	Mothers and Toddlers (MH)
2.30 - 4pm	Thursday Club alternate Thursdays (The View)

### FRIDAY

7.30pm	Short Mat Bowling re starts in September (MH)
7.30pm	Bingo Garlieston Hall

### SUNDAY

11.00am	Morning Worship (see rota)
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<b>KEY:</b>	(MH)	Maxwell Hall
	(WH)	Whauphill Hall
	(MK)	Mochrum Kirk
	(PWS)	Port William Surgery
	(THW)	Town Hall Whithorn
	(KH)	Kirkinner Hall

**NB:** Not all exceptions to regular meetings are shown.  
Please refer to individual organisations if in doubt!

## **SORBIE SESSION CLERK'S REPORT**

As Morag, our Session Clerk, is off to visit family in Australia, I will try to give a short report.

Services continue with the help of a good number of people, Donna Brewster, Catherine Morrison, Ian Robinson, elder-led services and of course all put together by Rev. Eric Boyle.

Gill Bateman continues to play the organ every Sunday, which is no mean feat. We really appreciate the time she devotes to this. Meanwhile, Willie Johnston keeps everything spick and span in the Church.

At the end of May we had a meeting in Sorbie Church of members of Kirkinner and Sorbie Parishes to approve the Basis of Union. A vote took place via a ballot box and the outcome was unanimous to go ahead with the Union. Once this has been ratified with South West Presbytery, a new Kirk Session will be formed and the Church will then be known as Millisle Kirk, after which Linkage with Mochrum will take place, hopefully fairly soon.

In the meantime, thank you to all who attend faithfully every or most Sundays.

**Jean McKay**

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## **SORBIE VILLAGE HALL WEEKLY MEETINGS**

### **MONDAY**

- 10.00am Aerobics (Trish active.communities@dumgal.gov.uk)
- 1.30pm Craft Club on 1st, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Monday (Rosamond 01988 850237)
- 1.30pm U3A Table Tennis on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays
- 3.30pm Sorbie Junior Sports Club (Michael 01988 850237)
- 6.00pm Mad Mutts Dog Training (Mel Duncan 07880 590703)
- 7.30pm Carpet Bowling (Neil Milven 01988 840396)

### **TUESDAY**

- 9.15am Yoga (Susie McKay 01988 850258 / 07703 677117)
- 6.00pm Lego Club (Morag Cuomo 01988 8850270)
- 7.00pm Community Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month (Morag Donnan 01988 850288)
- 7.30pm Sorbie WI 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month (Rosamond 01988 850237)

### **THURSDAY**

- 9.30am Homestart Wigtownshire (Office 01776 706984)
- 7.00pm Yoga (Susie McKay 01988 850258 / 07703 677117)

### **FRIDAY**

- 9.30am Homestart Wigtownshire (Office 01776 706984)

We also host meetings for Machars Motorcycle Club, these are not in a regular slot, please contact Michael (01988 850237)

**MOCHRUM PARISH EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

Applications are invited for a

**BURSARY**

from the above Trust

The fund is used to assist students in Further Education, who reside or have resided within the bounds of Mochrum Parish or who have close connections with the Parish.

Closing Date 23rd September 2023

**There will be ONLY ONE BURSARY AWARDED**

*Applications from previous applicants are welcome*

A letter of application should be forwarded to the Session Clerk, Mrs Jenni Gray, at the address below:

*Mrs Jenni Gray  
Session Clerk  
Mochrum Parish Church  
33 Main Street  
Port William  
Newton Stewart  
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**by Saturday 23rd September 2023**



Black Rocks Friendship Garden  
Billy Broll Photography