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What's happening this week...

Summer? What summer?

Tomorrow is August 1st. If anyone can tell me how it seems to have come around so quickly, I will be very grateful. And yet, here we are. According to the Scottish Government, all schools will be returning, in full for all pupils, on Tuesday 11th August, just over a week from now. Some pupils will be extremely excited, getting back in to a more 'normal' routine. Some, after being off for nearly five months, will be very daunted by the prospect. It wil not be like a usual start to a new school year. So good luck to everyone about to return to school including pupils, teachers and all school staff ☀️

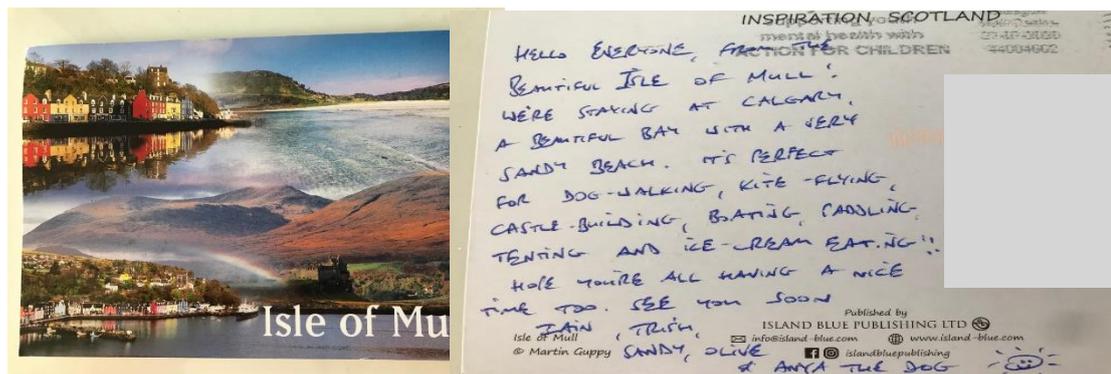
As you read last week in the Bulletin, a working group are looking at plans for opening New Kilpatrick for worship within government and Church of Scotland guidelines. We will keep you updated with how these are going. So watch this space!

In the meantime, please remember to email in your favourite daily prayer(s) with a little note about why they spoke to you. We will then collate them and create a booklet as a reminder of this challenging time. You can find all the prayers on the [website](#). You can do this anonymously. We will ask your permission to publish your reflections when we get around to that. We will then publish as many as we can to be used by the congregation, and perhaps further afield.

In addition, if you would like to write a prayer for the website (again anonymously if you wish), then please do so and we will post it. It does not have to be long, deep, or meaningful, but to express some hope, concern, longing, joy that you have. Send it to the [church email address](#).

Postcards from...

The summer holidays are here, and most people are having UK staycations, enjoying the best of what the UK, and especially Scotland, has to offer. If you are heading off somewhere, even if it is just for a day, please send in a postcard (or an email) and tell us where you have been. Here are the latest additions to the *Postcards from...*

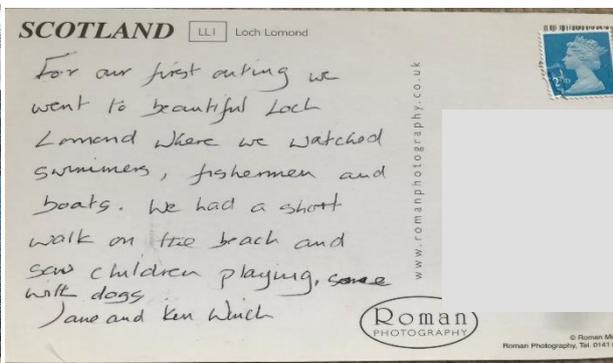
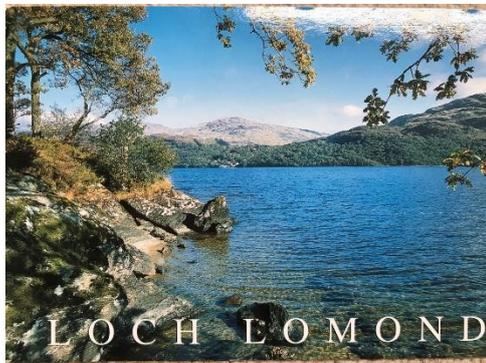




Sound of Mull from Ardtornish seen on a walk ashore on Friday in lovely sunshine. It was raining very heavily by the evening! I guess you notice Scotland's weather more on a boat.

It's been lovely to have such freedom.

Jimmy and Gillian



And finally, for this week, these came in from David and Sally Mudge.



Great to be back at Toward in Argyll and Bute.

Best wishes to all
Sally and David

Some postcards may even end up on the video service online. Remember to stay safe and within the guidelines...

Nightstop Glasgow – Depaul Charity

Preventing Youth Homelessness through Community Hosting. Nightstop Glasgow are part of a UK wide organisation, operating in 31 towns and cities, providing free emergency overnight accommodation for young people 16-25 who are facing a night on the streets, sleeping in an unsafe place or need some time out from the main home.

Volunteer hosts are fully vetted and trained to provide a safe, comfortable, and private room to young people for the night and will provide dinner, breakfast, and a packed lunch to take away the next day. More information can be found on their [website](#).

Twiddle Muffs

The last batch of Twiddle Muffs are heading up to the QEUH and will be given to patients in the hospital. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in making them. Well done!



The latest additions to the Twiddle Muff family from Morven White.

Fairtrade Recipe

As we try out new recipes or dabble with old ones, please feel free to send them in to [Ruth Gettinby](#) so we can share them with others. You might have some really good tips or suggested websites with a focus on Fairtrade ingredients. To get you started, have a look at the links below:

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/> and [Coop Fairtrade recipes](#).

I came across this [Fairtrade Recipe](#) book, created by the University of Wolverhampton in 2011! There are some fabulous recipes to try. Why not have a go and send in a picture of your creation? At some point we can maybe try them out for real!

Zoomday School

Zoomday Summer School has two week's left. This week (2nd) it is Zacchaeus and then on the last summer week (9th), it is the Story of

the Prodigal Son. It has been a wonderful few months getting to know the youngsters online (and their dogs, cats, etc. too). For the moment Zoomday School will be continuing so we will hear how they are all getting on at school!

Keep watching this space to find out how what will be happening in future months, especially as things begin to change with rules about church services.

We hope to be able to do a **Zoomday Picnic** event for the *whole congregation* later in August. So, watch this space as more details are given but get the picnic baskets ready!

This week's diary

All the activities this week

Sunday 2nd August

Podcast & Video services: from the [church website](#) home page worship banner, from midnight Saturday. The video service will take you to the Rt Rev Dr Martin Fair's Summer service. Just click the video link as normal from the website.

Phone Service: dial 0141 465 5774 (after a bit of a pause).

Zoomday School: 10am: Beginners; 10.30: Sunday Clan.; 11:15 JFv2.

SingSong! at 2pm on Tuesday 4th, joining in with all who enjoy a good sing. Especially designed for those who have some degree of memory loss or dementia. From our Zoom page.

Quiz Night at 7pm on Tuesday 4th from our Zoom page.

Sofa Surfers at 7pm on Thursday 6th. From our Zoom page.

Weekly Bulletin to be read over breakfast or lunch on Friday 31st and 7th

Coffee Pot at 10.30am on Friday 31st and 7th, where we catch up with each other and continually say hello to new folk popping into the virtual lounge on our Zoom page.

Saturday Night In returns on the 9th August when we will have a trip down Memory Lane. Why not come and join us as we reminisce about well – everything really!

Songs of Praise: Sunday 9th August 7.30pm. An opportunity to sing along to your heart's content as some of our members share their favourite hymn.

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Plus, the website for daily prayers, new psalms, appeals, photos and poems, news, and everything else.

For ministerial matters this week, please phone Jeanette Peel on 07449 410119. Roddy Hamilton will be available from Monday 2nd August on 0141 942 0035.