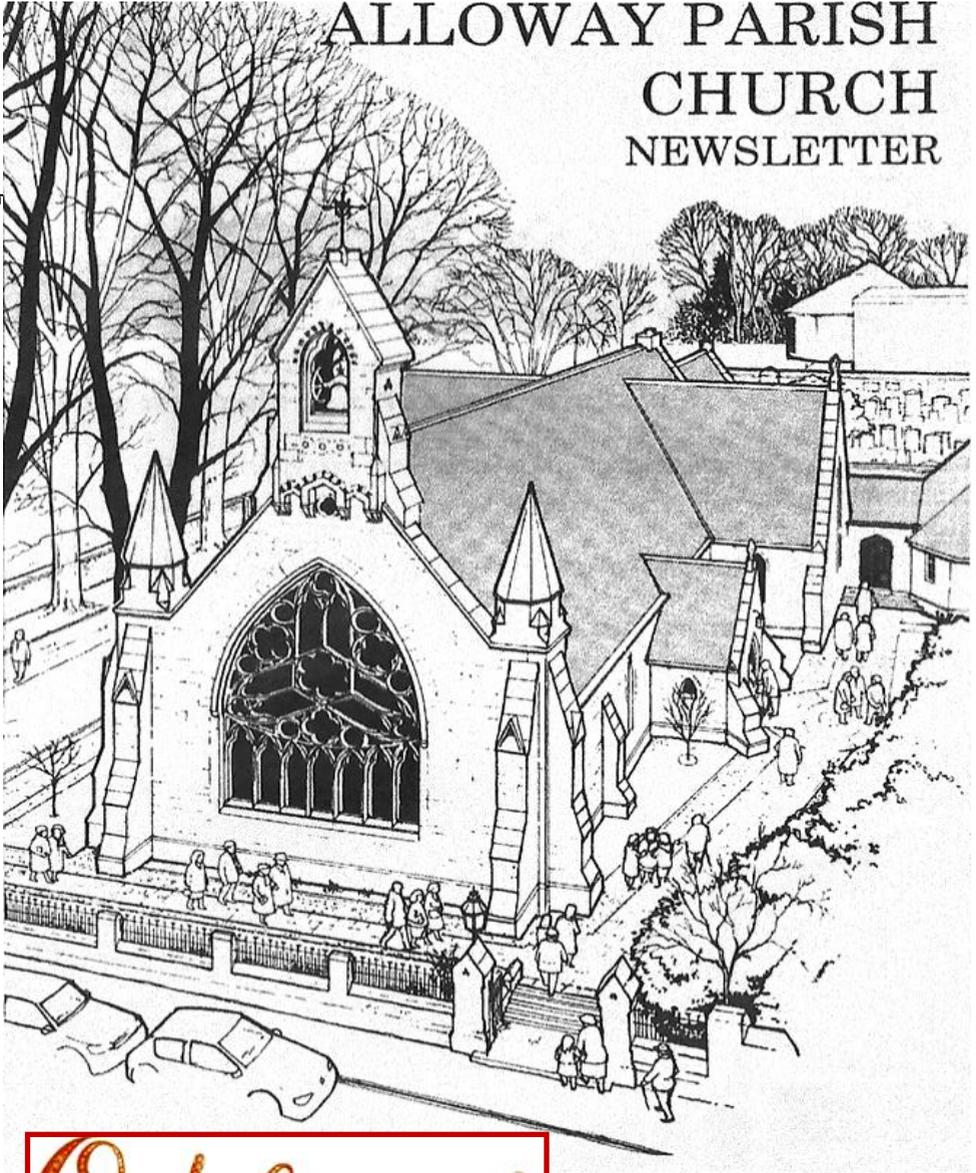


# ALLOWAY PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER



October

A decorative illustration featuring autumnal motifs such as pumpkins, gourds, and leaves, rendered in a warm, golden-brown color palette.

2019



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Dear Friends

Last month I was reminded of the title of an old pop song by “The Crickets “.

“I fought the law and the law won”

Our prime minister may share that sentiment

No one of us, it seems, is above the law!

As we have journeyed over the summer and into the autumn in our pulpit series about the Exodus, we were reminded of the Ten Commandments. Commandments given by God to help shape and form the kind of people he wanted the Hebrews to be

These commandments are sometimes interpreted as being pillars of our western civilisation.

Yet in truth we would all struggle to name all of the commandments

With legal matters on the nation’s mind, I thought it worthwhile to revisit a contemporary version of the Ten Commandments

Do not use God’s name in a bad way.

Rest one day a week

Respect your parents

Do not murder

Be faithful to your family

Do not steal

Do not lie

Do not be greedy

Can you imagine how transformed our society would be if we adhered to these laws?

In his day Jesus did not reject the law. He said he came to fulfil it

I fully understand that we cannot and should not make an idol of the law.

In truth when it came to a life of forgiveness and kindness God’s love was best conveyed by a person rather than a set of rules.

Nevertheless, for our society and for ourselves obedience to these ancient commandments may yet be a source of political and spiritual renewal

Enjoy the autumn colours!

Yours in Him

Neil McNaught



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### Harvest Thanksgiving



A big thank you to all who responded so generously to our Vine Trust appeal

We believe we have sent a little hope to a part of the world many of us will never see

A visit to the Vine Trust web site will show how this “little boat” is bringing with your help a lot of hope to communities down the Amazon

[www.vinetrust.org](http://www.vinetrust.org)

### **October Church Services**

Sun 9.45am 11.15am throughout

(\* All age first service last of the month )

6th October How to make a make an idol

13th October When God says no!

20th Oct Making a new start!

27th Oct \* A penitent Spirit! Lantern Service 7pm

### **Wednesday Worship 11am**

9th October & 23rd October

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### St Francis Day

Sometimes the only thing most people know about Francis of Assisi is that he talked to the birds. Some in Alloway have travelled to this beautiful village and many know the popular hymn based on his famous prayer, ‘Make me a channel of your Peace’, which was sung at the funeral of Princess Diana. However, Italy’s patron saint, whose feast day is this month (the 4th) was a more complex, and some would say controversial character.

His life spanned the end of the twelfth and beginning of the thirteenth centuries. He was born into a very wealthy family, but after what he called his ‘conversion’ standing before a crucifix.

He renounced all his possessions. In fact, he stripped himself of his of his wealthy garments in a public square in his home-town, Assisi. For the rest of his life he and his followers, including his feminine counterpart. St Claire longed, prayed and worked for a life of simplicity – a lifestyle without luxury or privileges.

For the Franciscan brothers and the Poor Claires this meant no private possessions at all.

Francis saw that many poor people without these things actually seemed to live happier and more fulfilling lives than the ambitious rich. He spoke of a simple life not shaped by money or power but by love and mutual concern. As his hymn says, ‘it is in giving of ourselves that we receive’. Of course, poverty; in our modern western world is seldom a matter of blissful simplicity, as present-day Franciscans recognise. For too many it is a matter of poor diet, over-crowded rooms, rough sleeping and unemployment. The call of today’s followers of Francis and Claire is that those who are better-off should ‘live more simply, so that others can simply live’. Christians follow a Master who said that he came with ‘good news for the poor’. They believe that many of us today can be that good news.

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## Worship - First Service

As from Sunday 13 October we're going to be adding to our service by having a short time of praise and worship for around 5 mins prior to the service starting.

I will be leading this along with Alan and Stephen and we will be singing familiar worship songs and learning a few new ones too.

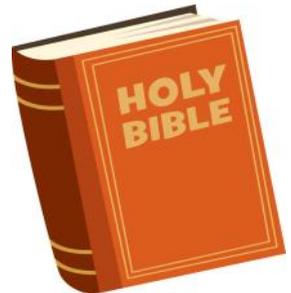
This is a relaxed start to the service and you can listen or join in as the words will be on the screen.

The service will still start at 9:45 so there is no change there.

I hope you will enjoy this new venture and I look forward to hearing what you think.  
Karen Stewart

## **Request for Bibles**

Do you have any spare Bibles? If so, would you consider donating them to Thipula Church in Bandawe? The Malawi Sub-Committee would like to send a supply of Bibles to our partner Church. If you can help, please bring your spare Bible(s) to Church any Sunday until the end of October. A collection box will be available in the vestibule from Sunday 13 October.



## *LIFE & WORK MAGAZINES*

I have had notification that the orders for next years copies must be in before the end of October 2019.

Should anyone wish to cancel their subscriptions for 2020 please - please let me know BEFORE 20th October. As you know we have to pay in advance to obtain our discount and reduce the cost to subscribers. However if anyone who does not already subscribe but would like a monthly magazine again please let me know before 20th October.

## **Update from Bandawe Girls Secondary School**

The Headteacher at the Bandawe Girls Secondary School has sent a letter of thanks to the members of the congregation who are currently supporting the sponsorship scheme. He has included the results of the 4 sponsored girls who have completed their first year at the school. These have been put on the noticeboard in the Church Halls along with photos of the girls. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors we can support 10 new girls for the next 4 years. These girls, who have performed well at Bandawe Primary School, would otherwise have been unable to enjoy a secondary education. We received a request from the school to support 2 existing pupils whose families are experiencing financial hardship and were faced with having to remove the girls from the school. The funds currently available in the Sponsorship Fund has allowed us to grant this request. This means that during the next year we will be supporting 16 girls. The gift of an education is a luxury to many in Malawi particularly girls. The support given to these girls will be life changing. *“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” Matthew 25: verse 40.*

*If you would like to join the Sponsorship Scheme please contact Jan Duncan, Telephone 440560 for further details.*

The Social Committee are holding a Wine Tasting by Majestic Wine in Alloway Village Hall on Saturday 9th November at 6.30pm. Tickets £10 (includes a light supper) will be on sale on 13th and 27th October between services in the main hall. Numbers are limited.

Thanks  
Ailsa Leitch



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ATTENTION...

40th Anniversary DINNER is on.

Sat. 5th Oct 2019 7pm for 7.30 pm.

In Alloway Church halls.

Dress smart casual.

Tickets £20.00

3 course menu meal including coffee.

All numbers to be in Captain's hands by 29th sept.

Wife's and partners are welcome.

Book by email to - Stewart. S Robertson@btinternet.com



*Alloway Village Hall coffee morning.*

A fund raising coffee morning will be held in Alloway Village Hall on Saturday 26th October from 10am until 12 noon. There will be a variety of stalls and the proceeds will be split between the Hall and Alloway WI.





Reuse, Recycle and Upcycle.

The Communion Cloths have been replaced with fine new ones sewn by a team of talented ladies from our Church. The 'old' cloths are a bit holey but still have material that could prove useful for craft work, repairing items or even polishing cloths. In these days of reuse, recycling and up-cycling perhaps you could find a use for them. There are about 40 cloths (approx. 18" by 140") Please contact either Helen Ness (443800) or June Black (443383) if you are interested.

#### Letter from Malawi

Dear Julie,

May you please help me to pray rightfully before our loving and caring God for this gesture of love and care you always show to your school. I call it your own school because it survives and exists with a very good reputation because of the support you give to the school. I glorify God for you. Thank you all, I sincerely thank the great members of the Alloway Parish Church. Your helping hand has come at the very right time. I'm seriously going to get the maize most needed now. The chicken project is still on, nothing has disturbed the progress of the project so far.

At a very good note examinations results have just been released last week. About 50% of the candidates passed the exams nationally ,implying that 50% failed. However, for your school, BAGSS, God has favoured the school. Out of 109 candidates who sat the exams in this difficult 2019 exams, a 107 candidates passed the exams, representing 98.2% pass rate. The school has maintained a good pass rate and is still recognized highly.

Once again you have relieved us .We appreciate for all this sincerely . The girls shall be told about this gesture. THANK YOU ALL. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Ernest Kingsley Chirwa.

Headteacher - BAGSS.



# Brownies



by 3rd Alloway Brownies Brown Owl Lise Whittle



3rd Alloway Brownies welcomed eight new Brownies and two new Young Leaders into our Unit after the Summer. We began the term with a Welcome Night, and played ‘Getting To Know You Bingo’ so that everyone could find out something new about everyone else. We discussed our new Theme Badge for the term, ‘Have Adventures – Camp’ all about exploring the outdoors, and finding out about camping, wood and nature. We’re not actually going camping, but finding out a lot about it, ready for when the girls go on camping holidays when they join Guides.

We played a game called ‘Get Packing’ where the girls hooked a duck with a number underneath, which led them to a numbered bag containing items – such as a hot water bottle, teddy, tape measure, mobile phone, soap etc. The Brownies had to decide if they would take the items with them if they were camping - what would you decide? The Brownies are also doing another activity at home called ‘Can You See In The Dark’ getting themselves ready for bed using only a torch – just like you would if you were camping.



We made origami jumping frogs, and played a game called ‘Fox, Frog, Flea’ which is a dramatic and noisy version of ‘Rock, Paper, Scissors’! We made birthday cards for each other for later on in the year, decorated wooden peg dolls and some of the girls tried basket weaving.

We played a game called ‘Pass The Beachball’ lying down in rows passing the ball over their heads using feet only – no hands allowed! Good noisy fun!

So although we are only a few weeks into the term we have already managed to pack lots of exciting activities in (did you spot the pun!!)

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Fox, Frog Flea game

- Split into 2 teams, Each team has to choose to be fox, frog or flea, without letting the other team know. Line up facing the other team, on the count of '3 2 1 Go' act out the animal. Which side wins a point?
- Fox eats frog – fox wins
- Frog eats flea – frog wins
- Flea 'eats' fox – flea wins
- If both teams choose the same animal, go back and choose again.
- First to 5 points wins, or best of 10 goes.



Please join us for Messy Church on

SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER

4.00 – 6.00PM

In the church halls

Our theme for October is “Money Matters”

All welcome

CELEBRATION; HOSPITALITY; CREATIVITY

Julie

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## **Bonfire Lunch**



**Alloway Church Halls  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

12.00 noon until 1.30 pm

with peas



or

with beans



To follow - tray bakes with tea or coffee

**Cost £5.00 per person.**

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### Leisurely Lunch

There will be a Bonfire themed soup and pudding lunch on Thursday 31st October in the Big Hall from 12 till 1:30pm.

Tea/coffee and biscuits are included in the cost, which is £5 each. The money is going to Bandawe for the refurbishment of the girls Hostel.

Please join us for food and fellowship, while supporting this worthy case.



### Friendship Group

The next meeting of the Friendship Group is on Wednesday 30th October at 7.30 pm in the Octagonal Hall. Our speaker will be our very own Minister and his topic will be The Moving Picture. Everyone is most welcome - please do join us.

**Come and join us for**

# ALLAGE

Worship



**Alloway Parish Church**

**Last Sunday of the month (September to June) at 9.45am**

**All welcome**

**Please check church website or Facebook page for any possible variations each month**

## ALL AGE WORSHIP

Please join us at Alloway Parish Church  
For our  
All age Worship service  
SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 9.45AM  
Followed by fellowship in the church halls.

Our theme for September is “Image/Identity”

ALL WELCOME

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## FOOD COSTS AND YOUR HELP TO MALAWI

The Overseas Mission Committee of the church met recently. One item discussed was an urgent appeal from Ernest Chirwa, HT BAGSS, who some met on his recent visit here in March this year. Ernest has major concerns due to the huge increase in food costs in Malawi, following the recent flooding and disaster in the south of the country. As BAGSS is a boarding school, the girls are fed each day, seven days a week.

The Committee decided to forward £1000 from the Malawi funds to help ease these concerns. It was suggested that some be used to buy maize when it is available in the markets for a reasonable sum; and that the balance be used to restock the chicken project at the school, recently built from donated funds from Wellington School. This will allow them to help themselves, by using profits to invest into further chicken stock, and also to buy more maize.

This was the generous and thankful reply from Ernest.

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### STEPPING STONES BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROJECT

For over four years we have successfully developed a programme of bereavement support here at Alloway, called “Stepping Stones”. It is a wonderful project made possible by a band of fabulous volunteers.

The programme runs for six weeks, and this year will start on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00 – 8.30pm in the church halls. Each session has a guest speaker, who talks for approximately half an hour; the remainder of the time is used for sharing our stories of bereavement and to enjoy a welcome cuppa and home baking.

If you feel this is a project you might like to support, please be in touch. We will be running training sessions for our existing volunteers and for anyone new who will join us this year. The dates for the two training evenings are Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.00 – 8.30pm in the Fellowship Lounge.

More details from Julie on 07779543971 or by email, [juliegriffiths66@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:juliegriffiths66@yahoo.co.uk)

Tuesday 22nd October at 7.00pm

Please join us in the fellowship lounge for a prayer meeting

Our prayers will focus on the young people, their families and activities.

All welcome

On 3rd September we met to discuss the future of these meetings. It was decided as the Powerhouse of our faith that we should indeed continue to meet and pray in this way. Please join us if you are able. There will be no request to pray out loud, or to lead the sessions, unless you are willing and able; just a call together, and to offer this vital support.

We will always have two dates set for future meetings, so as well as October 22nd we have also planned a further meeting for 5th December.

If you are unable to join us, but have heart to pray for these vital needs, please email me, and I can add you to the circulation list for notes.

Julie 07779543971

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### **Stepping Stones**

**A local bereavement service**

**Stepping Stones is a bereavement support programme developed by a group of trained local people and co-ordinated by experienced professionals. The programme lasts for six weeks and explores various aspects of loss.**

**The programme offers an opportunity to share with other bereaved folk and to benefit from the support and insights of experienced resource people.**

**The next programme begins in Alloway Parish Church Halls on Wednesday 30th October 2019 at 7.00pm**

**If you are interested in attending or would like more information, contact the programme co-ordinator by phone on 07779543971 or e-mail at: [juliegriffiths66@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:juliegriffiths66@yahoo.co.uk)**

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# Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

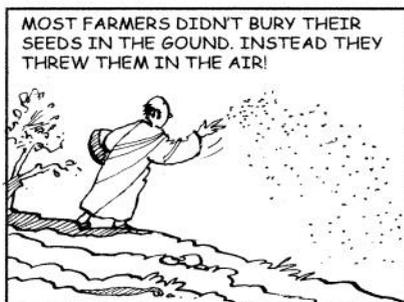
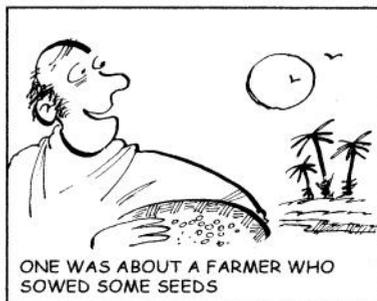
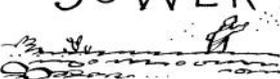
This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.



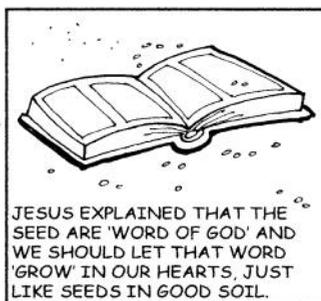
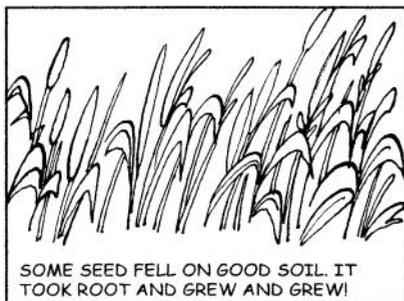
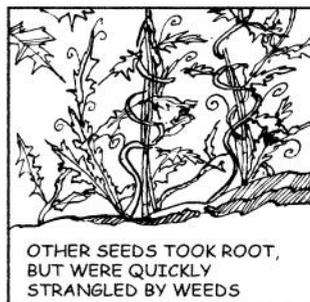
*"So really, it is very easy to understand  
how Brexit will affect our parish..."*



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**PARABLE**  
of the  
**SOWER**



THE FARMER HOPED THEY WOULD TAKE ROOT JUST WHERE THEY LANDED





**“Carpenter seeks joiners “**

Mrs Alice Fisher	Maybole Road	from Cumbrae Parish
Mrs Jean McClure	Doonfoot Road	from Isle of Arran



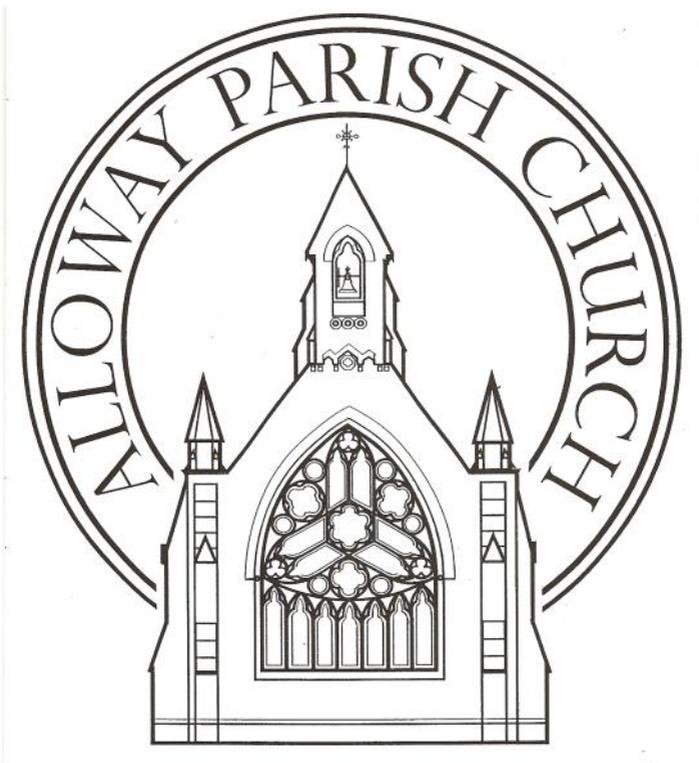
**“To have and to hold from this day forward “**

27.9.19	Julie Hutchieson and Louis Alberts
28.9.19	Rebecca Lister and Ross Dickie



**“Blessed are they who die in the Lord”**

31.8.19	Sybil Pollock	Craig Stewart Crescent
7.9.19	Alan Howie	Doonview Gardens
14.9.19	Penelope Kilpatrick	Parkview
17.9.19	Daniel Wright	Greenan Road



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