

Regular Church Groups

Friday

- The '1st Troqueer Boys Brigade & Girls Association' meet weekly in the Church Hall, Church Street from 6 – 8pm
Taking girls and boys age 5-7, 8-11 and 12+ in our 3 sections

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- The 'Youth Fellowship' meet weekly in the Centre from 7.30 – 9.30pm
P7-S6 come & find out more about what Jesus can mean in your life today.

Small Groups

These groups exist to enable us to grow in our faith through fellowship, study and discussion of God's Word, prayer and sharing together.

Monday (*This house group is full to capacity*)

- Meeting at 7.30pm

Tuesday

- Meeting at 7pm

Thursday

- Meeting at 7.45pm

Many of the groups stop during school holidays and over the summer.

Church Contacts

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A registered charity, Troqueer Church and Troqueer Parish Church are operating names of Troqueer Parish Church of Scotland, Dumfries, SC000973

Intimations and Events

Rwanda £1 Appeal

**Pop a £1 coin in the baskets at either side to assist with rent costs.
£185.60 was collected in August – 'thank you'**

THIS WEEK

Kirk Session Meeting – Wednesday 11 September, 7pm (Centre)
Celebrating Communion.

NEXT WEEK

Board Meeting – Wednesday 18 September, 7pm (Centre)
Committees meet at 7pm with the full board at 7.30pm.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning – Saturday 21 September, 10am-12md (The Usual Place, Academy Street)

Tickets from Alison. Donations needed for stalls: nearly new e.g. china, glass, gifts, jewellery; books, puzzles, toys, games; cake, candy & produce*. Homemade Crafts (small inexpensive items). Plants but no very large plants or houseplants. No clothing, electrical or large items. Catering donations of scones, pancakes (NOT buttered) & small cakes*. Helpers needed to serve tables. There will be a Traidcraft stall & information table. Set up on Friday 14th from 4-5.30pm when donations can be dropped off.

** food donations: provide ingredients list or ask Alison for an allergen checklist*

ADVANCE NOTICE

Praying for our Church

8 weeks of prayer for our church locally and the Church of Scotland nationally.
From Monday 23rd and Thursday 26th September, 7-9pm in the Centre
(both nights will be the same). There are sheets at either side – please sign up.

- Tuesday 1 October, 7.30pm Guild Meeting: The Galloway Hoard (Centre)
- Saturday 5 October, 8am Prayer Breakfast (Manse)

Check Centre notice board regularly for other interesting events further afield.

Join The Battle

It's over three months since the Easter bombings in Sri Lanka when Islamic extremists attacked both Western and Christian targets. It was truly shocking. As we listened to the news reports that Easter Sunday, there were many important questions which correspondents and reporters were asking. Why was the earlier intelligence warning ignored or even withheld by Sri Lankan authorities? How did the perpetrators accumulate such weaponry and explosives without anyone knowing?

Instinctively, we know something deeper is going on here. A roaring lion is loose and seeking prey to devour! It points to a clash of kingdoms taking place where our brothers and sisters overseas seem to be forever on the front line. But, of course, we are all involved in this spiritual battle, even if we, here in the UK, are often just the support divisions.

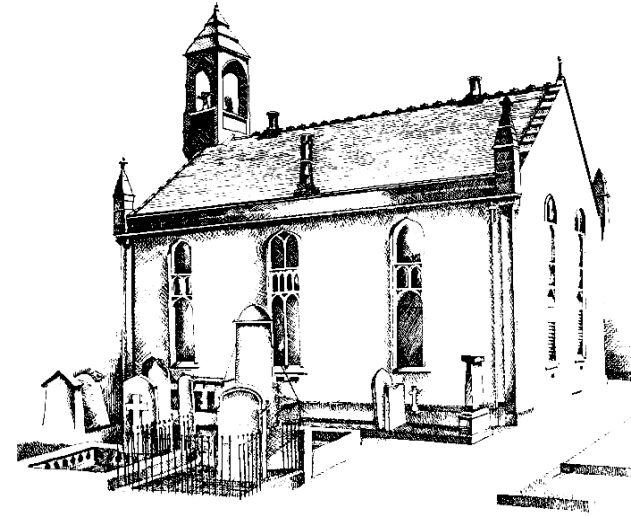
I'm sure that none of those who went to church that Easter Sunday would have seen themselves as martyrs. They were just celebrating the risen Jesus. But now that's exactly what they are.

Tertullian, the early Christian theologian, wrote: 'The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.' It's not difficult to see scriptural backing for this. Jesus talked of Himself as a seed falling into the ground and dying, then bearing much fruit (John 12:24). The apostle Paul witnessed Stephen's martyrdom as an impressionable young man (Acts 7:58). We may not understand how it works, but we recognise that the church in China and many other places has been built on the blood of martyrs.

So what is our response? Surely we must mourn with those who mourn, pray for those who need protection and financially support those who need provision. In doing this, we ourselves manifest the Kingdom of God and create a window for God to do His work. Rev 12:11 talks about how we overcome our enemy and part of that is not loving our lives 'so much as to shrink from death.' By taking on this mantle ourselves, we add our spiritual weight to seeing God increasingly manifesting even in the darkest places.

There is no doubt that the Kingdom is growing – particularly in the Muslim world. But persecution and martyrdom are not going away. We know that every advance will be met with resistance. Every breakthrough will be challenged. We must be in this for the long term, not just for the moment, terrible though this one is. Sadly many people, even Christians, will have already forgotten the terrible events of Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka. But our enemy hasn't forgotten. God has not forgotten. And neither must we.

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Troqueer Parish Church, Dumfries – 8 September 2019

Minister – Rev John Notman

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Welcome to our Sunday Worship Services particularly if you're visiting. There are welcome leaflets at the ends of each pew – please take one. Join us for refreshments at the close of the service – in the Centre.

Children leave for the '**Powerhouse**' after the first part of the service and meet in the Centre where they can be collected at the end. There's also a crèche available for babies / children under 3 years.

Our Bible passage is Exodus 32:1-30 read by Susan.
Intercessory prayers.

2pm Service at Goldielea Nursing Home.

6.30pm Evening Service – Praise Night led by Laura.

Next Sunday – 15 September 2019

11am Morning Worship and Baptism.
John Notman will preach on Jeremiah 29:10-14.

No Evening Service in Troqueer.
6.30pm Presbytery Songs of Praise at St George's Church.