



SHERBROOKE MOSSPARK PARISH CHURCH MAGAZINE

It is an exciting time for our church as we look to appoint our new minister.

Adam Dillon Sole Nominee: after a rigorous selection process, the Nominating Committee unanimously voted to propose Reverend Adam Dillon as our sole nominee. Adam will be known to many of you; he was a student with Sherbrooke St Gilbert's from October 1999 through to May 2000. The Nominating Committee was delighted that Adam has accepted our invitation to be our Sole Nominee and he will be preaching at Sherbrooke Mosspark Parish Church on Sunday 26th September. Please contact the office if you would like to attend the service that day; alternatively the service will be live streamed and available on our website after the service.

Voting process: all those who were on the Electoral Register on 6th April (communicants and adherents) will receive their ballot papers by post over the course of the coming week. Each letter will enclose a ballot paper and return envelope which are identified with your unique reference number. For those households with more than one vote, please use the separate envelopes provided. The votes may be cast directly after the service on Sunday 26th September or returned by hand or post (please use a first-class stamp). The ballot will remain open for seven days and close at 12 noon on Sunday 3rd October, 2021. The count will occur on Tuesday 5th October and soon afterwards the result will be declared. If for any reason your ballot papers haven't arrived by mid next week, please contact me, Janis or Shona.

The Call: following the results of the ballot, the Interim Moderator will invite all members of our congregation to subscribe to the Call. The Call is a signed list of all those who wish Adam to be our next minister and will be available for people to sign over an 8-day period from 6th to 14th October either at Church or during the Church office hours. Could I please ask you to sign the Call; it is an important part of the election process as it provides a firm endorsement of our wish to call Adam as our minister. If you are unable to sign the Call and would like someone to sign it on your behalf, please contact me for further details.

With thanks

Clare



THE WOMEN'S GROUP PROGRAMME 2021

Women's Group - Start of Season Social

We were pleased to start off the 2021/22 season with a women's group social. Twenty-one ladies met at the nearby Ollie's for a meal on Thursday 2nd September. Last season, much to our surprise, all our meetings were held on-line using the zoom system. One of the most memorable was the live cooking session as we all cooked along with our guest speaker for the evening; I also enjoyed Jo Service's session as she talked about her life as an actress and treated us to a reading.

It was such a lovely experience to be able to sit and chat and just catch up with all the members of our group - face to face rather than just on line. The team at Ollie's looked after us very well - a two course meal and tea/coffee - a delight to have a meal cooked and no washing up!! The fellowship was palpable and we are looking forward to our new session with enthusiasm.

We were pleased to be joined by Susan Graham who has recently been appointed as Sherbrooke Mossspark's outreach worker. Susan will be joining us for our next meeting on Thursday 7th October, in the Sanctuary, to discuss what her plans are and how we might assist her in her endeavours. Other sessions planned for the forthcoming season include:

- Susan Graham - Thursday 7th October, 7.30 pm - Community outreach
- Graham Freeland - Thursday 4th November, 7.30 pm - Gardening during the autumn and winter months
- Hilary Harris - Thursday 13th January, 7.30pm - Cooking and fellowship
- Coffee morning - 29th January, 10 am (Provisional date)

If you would like to be included in the Group, please contact either Jan Bostock or me.

With best wishes

Clare

VISIT TO ISLAY BY DOUGLAS



I first set foot on Islay in 1962. It was a Boys' Brigade camp and like many holidays when you were young you said "I will be back next year" that never happened, in fact it was over 50 years before I returned.

In fact it was a strange feeling conducting worship in St John's Church in Port Ellen the very church I attended all those years ago as a boy in The Boys' Brigade.

A few years ago I had just finished as a Locum and that afternoon I got a phone call from the interim moderator on Islay to say "I hear you have just finished as a Locum" She was right I had just finished two hours before.

At that time I had made the decision that I was finished with being a Locum. However when she said it would only be for a few weeks and it was on Islay I agreed to take up the challenge.

The rest is history, I have been invited back every year, sometimes for two months , sometimes three months.

We just love it. Once you come off the Calmac Ferry at Port Askaig you feel a peace come over you.

It's a very friendly Island, everyone waves as you drive around the island, it's called the "Islay Wave" that's just the way they are.

So, in August this year we returned. We were based in the Bowmore Church Manse which overlooks Lochindaal with the Paps of Jura in the background. (see pics below)

There is no other Church of Scotland minister on the island. I had six churches to look after conducting worship twice on a Sunday.

Bowmore Church also known as the Round Church is the main church on the Island. The other churches are St John's in Port Ellen, Kilmeny Church in Ballygrant, St Kieran's in Port Charlotte, Portnahaven Church and a nice wee visit to the lovely church on Jura. Jura is a lovely island with less than 200 people and over 5000 deer.

The congregations in each of the churches could sing, and sing they did, the singing was wonderful.

As you can imagine I was kept busy with funerals and took part in the annual outdoor service at the Kildalton Cross the first of the Christian crosses which sits on the original site and dates back over 1200 years.

It wasn't all work, there are some fabulous beaches on Islay and very often you have them to yourself. Our favourite beach is Kilchoman beach on the Atlantic coast with its white sands.

There is a beach called the "Singing Sands". Depending on the tide if you move your feet from side to side on the sand you would think someone was singing.

It's a haven for bird watchers. From the study window we often watched the Oystercatchers, Herons and Guillemots looking for food.

The sunsets this year have been fabulous. Janette and I spent hours outside just as it was getting dark watching the colours change. God certainly knows how to paint a colourful picture.

Janette and I both enjoy eating fish. Islay is the island for fresh fish. During the month we enjoyed lobster, scallops, salmon, haddock. We did our bit to support the local industry.

We enjoyed lovely lunches at the distilleries, there are 7 or 8 of them (spoiled for choice)

We were very fortunate to enjoy good weather, not always the case, we were lucky this time. We have been told to prepare for all seasons, sometimes all in the same day. As I say we were lucky this time.

Janette and I enjoy visiting Islay. We like revisiting the old haunts.

We always make a point of visiting the Museum of Islay life, we often find something interesting we hadn't seen before.

We still enjoy visiting the old places, that will never change, but it's good to see the people too, we enjoy seeing and meeting the people again. The people have become important to us as the years go by and it is a pleasure and a privilege to minister to them.

We keep in touch with what is going on through Islay's fortnightly magazine The Ileach.

Janette and I are looking forward to saying "good bye to care and westering home" to Islay in the not too distant future.

News

Over the past few weeks Christine Higginson has been receiving hospital visitors from our congregation. Her progress is slow however she is able to acknowledge them with a smile and enjoys hearing the stories they have to tell.

In Memory

The flowers for the service on 19/9/21 have been donated by Margaret Dawson in memory of Ebon.

COP26 AT SHERBROOKE MOSSPARK

Our Church is registered as an eco congregation meaning we are trying our best to reduce plastic waste and any other things that will help the planet.

We also have a COP26 Group who have been preparing over the past 18 months for the international conference that may be our last chance to save the planet from the climate chaos that is already hitting people in many different countries.

Sunday 3 October 6.30pm

Sherbrooke Mosspark will be hosting an evening of worship, information and inspiration looking towards the COP26 Conference and how we can all get involved. Again this is open to anyone interested from the congregation. Further details to follow soon.

Sunday 7 November 10.30am

We hope to welcome some of the international visitors to COP26 to our morning service.

Week Beginning 7 November 7.30pm

During COP26, a small group from the famous Taize Community in France have been invited by Glasgow Churches Together to lead a time of their distinctive prayer and worship each evening along with friends from the Iona Community. One of these events will be in Sherbrooke Mosspark. Further details to follow soon.

PEOPLE MAKING GLASGOW

The COP26 Conference may be the last chance to save our planet from the climate chaos that is already hitting people in many different countries. That's why many people from faith communities and environmental groups want to make their way to Glasgow for the conference in November. Many of them won't be able to pay high hotel prices in the city, and many more would rather get to know some of the people who make Glasgow than stay in an impersonal hotel.

Do you have a spare room in which you could help someone do that, and so make Glasgow special for them as well as discovering more about the place they come from and their passion for building a future for our grandchildren?

Of course, much of this is still dependent on the pandemic having receded significantly by November, but the organisers have made careful preparations for operating within Scottish Government guidelines for whatever stage of the pandemic we are at in November.

Right now you can register your offer of hospitality to a visitor at the time of the COP Conference (31 October - 12 November 2021). You will find answers to most of the questions you may have about this, along with the form to register your offer at <https://www.humanhotel.com/cop26/>

Our Kirk Session have supported our CO26 Group in encouraging members of Sherbrooke Mossspark to offer hospitality in this way.

On Sunday 3 October at 6.30pm, we will be hosting in Sherbrooke Mossspark a Glasgow Presbytery evening of prayer, worship, information and inspiration looking towards how we can help Glasgow's COP flourish. This will be open to members of the congregation (details of how to register to attend will be on our website when available).

We also hope to invite some of those who have come from countries where the impact of climate change is already being felt hardest to our morning service on 7 November, in the middle of the conference. And on Wednesday 10 November at 7.30pm, members of the Taize Community will be leading an evening of their distinctive style of worship in Sherbrooke Mossspark (again details of time and how you can register to attend will be on our website when available).

Graham Blount (graham.blount@yahoo.co.uk)

The End of the Ash Trees? By Willie Duncan

The End of the Ash Trees?

A few weeks ago I was visiting one of my daughters, sitting in the garden I noticed that the Ash tree was dead. She went on to say that all round the country ash trees were dying. The disease is called the Ash die back. The tree must then be removed or destroyed on site.

After the Sunday morning service, I usually walk home via Queen's Park and nailed to one of the ash trees was a notice from Glasgow Parks dept. that there was a serious problem with ash trees, they were dying. Ash trees are not particularly attractive, compared with Douglas Firs or Beech trees, except in the autumn when the leaves turn to a pale yellow. One of the worries about this disease is, will it affect the Mountain Ash Tree, or the Rowan Tree? The leaves are very similar in appearance albeit the Rowan is somewhat smaller. It would be a tragedy if the Rowan Tree goes the same way as the Ash Tree. There is a particular Ash tree which I like. As you walk along Pollokshaws Road past Pollokshaws Halls and continue to the Round Toll House there is a beautiful ash tree behind the House and shortly it will be a blaze of yellow leaves. The Round Toll, was built in 1750, as was Pollok House, a few hundred yards away. You could say Pollokshaws was jumping with investment. The Toll House connects to the road south via the geological gap, called the "Neilston Gap." Robert the Bruce, after Bannockburn, passed thro' on his way to Ayr. Two hundred years later, Cromwell passed thro' it after visiting Ayr. This was the major route from Scotland to the South and with the arrival of the railway in 1875, the route to London was St Enoch station to St Pancras. via the Neilston Gap.

One Christmas Day I walked this road, now called "Kennishead Road", to Darnley just to see a sycamore tree, which is protected by an iron railing fence. Clipped to the rails was a notice, the gist of which is that Mary Stuart with her son James, who was recovering from an illness, her husband Darnley and others were relaxing here. Mary Stuart has always been held in high regard in Scotland. Almost immediately after she was born her mother had her whisked straight away to France. The French Royalty lived by the River Loire, Amboise to be exact, and Mary spent her entire youthful life at Amboise. François 1, (the King of France, and a contemporary of Henry V111) was very enthusiastic about the Renaissance, and is frequently referred to as "the Renaissance King". He invited Leonardo to live at Amboise. Leonardo was pleased to accept this offer and brought some of his paintings with him, one of which was the "Mona Lisa" or "La Joconde". He

spent the rest of his life under the protective wing of the King of France and died in the arms of the King.

Mary was fluent in English, French, Latin and Italian, almost 6 feet tall and beautiful, aged 16 and married to the heir of the French throne. Her "Mother-in-Law" was Catherine de Medici the original "Femme Formidable" and it is believed that she was connected with the Bartholomew Day Massacre. Her husband Henry 11, was king for 6 years, but was killed in a jousting accident in what is now called the "Place des Vosges" (There is a nice restaurant there called, Ma Bourgoynes). Mary's husband was now King of France and Mary the Consort Queen of France and for the next 18 months they reigned and he then died. Mary left France for Scotland 6 months later, after all she was still the Queen of Scotland.

Some of street names in Pollokshields are associated with Mary Stuart. Sir John Stirling Maxwell, occasionally suggested street names, e.g .Fotheringay Road is a clear reference to Mary Stuart where she was imprisoned for about 18 years. However, there is another street name but which is less obvious. Here in Britain the heir to the throne is the "Prince of Wales", but his wife has no official title. In France it was totally different. Prior to 14th July 1789, the heir to the French throne was "Le Dauphin" (the dolphin), this goes back to 13th Century, the where and why is not known, but the wife of the Dauphin is called "La Dauphine", Mary Stuart was La Dauphine.

Dolphin Road has always bemused me I couldn't figure it out, but now I do. People who live in Dolphin Road can regard the address as a ROYAL address.



Even if its a day trip

The magazine group depends on others to share their stories in our monthly magazine. Many of the congregation do not interact with social media and what's app groups etc. For some the magazine is their way of keeping in touch with our church news and events. Please think how you could contribute to our magazine. To send in articles please email the office and or mcargey@mac.com

Thanks

The magazine group

Marjorie's September Gardening Guide

Although autumn marks the end of the main growing season there is still plenty to do in the garden. Many of the tasks involve clearing away the debris of the summer season but there are still bright flowers, foliage and fruits to make the job a much more pleasant affair

Plant new plants

Why? Autumn is an excellent time for planting both bare root and container grown plants. The ground still retains some warmth from summer - this lets the plants establish quickly before winter is upon us. Make sure that the soil is well-drained so that the plants don't rot over winter. It's also a great time to buy new plants because McLaren's has 25% off everything in September!

Replace summer bedding plants and annuals

Why? These plants will certainly be past their best by now and can be added to the compost heap.

How? Remove plants and weeds from the vacant soil and add some slow release fertiliser. Refill containers with fresh potting compost. Plant up beds and containers with spring bedding plants such as forget-me-nots, pansies, primulas and wallflowers interspersed with spring bulbs such as hyacinths, tulips, daffodils, crocus, chionodoxa, muscari etc. If you are planting tulips in the soil it is best to wait until November to avoid the chance of disease. They can be planted in pots and containers now.

Prune Lavender

Why? To keep your hardy lavender going for as long as possible and avoid it becoming a huge plant with a dead woody centre

How? Cut it back hard after it finishes flowering and no later than mid-September. Try not to cut back into woody growth because it may not re-sprout.

The dying leaves of deciduous trees and shrubs often make a remarkable display of brilliant colour. That combined with some late-blooming plants such as dahlias, heleniums, asters and Japanese anemones can make this time of year quite stunning.

Finally, don't forget to bring in the house plants which you have put outside for the summer!

OUR GROCERY SHOP by Roberta McLennan

It was another hectic Friday in our grocery shop: the start of the busy weekend trade with orders to be made up and deliveries to be received from our suppliers. A lot of our van drivers were either named Jim, Jimmie or John. To distinguish between them we would say John Mother's Pride, Jimmie Barr's Irn Bru or Jim Tunnocks.

Jim Tunnocks stood out for more than just the goods he delivered. We'd known him for a few years now and he and my father had built up a good rapport. Apart from his cheery smile he always impressed me with his dexterity. Most Friday mornings we would see the distinctive Tunnock's red van draw up outside the shop and within moments John would sweep into the shop balancing on either shoulder a full bread board of cakes. I marvelled at how he would weave his way around customers and the narrow counter leading to the back shop to gently place the boards on the space provided.

This particular Friday morning as I was giving a customer her change, Agnes who was boxing up the returns for Jim said, "I wonder what it would be like to throw a sponge cake at someone." I glanced at her and the cream sponge, which she was weighing in the palm of her hand. At that moment John was coming through the door with his delivery. Before I could respond, she had aimed at Jim.

Wham! She hit a Bullseye with her first shot.

What happened next unfolded in slow motion. There was stunned silence. Customers parted like the Red Sea. The cream and cake parts of the cream cake parted and slid down Jim's face and brown overall. We all watched, our breaths held, awaiting his sure to be furious response. But Jim Tunnocks didn't miss a beat. As if it was a normal occurrence in the life of a cake delivery man, he continued through to the back shop with barely a pause and without dropping a single cake.

Agnes hid behind me waiting for Jim's reaction. Mum, who was usually calm, I could tell was seething by her compressed lips and crimson face. I knew she was anxious to rush to Jim's aid. She was serving a genteel lady who was demanding to speak to the management as the behaviour of the staff was disgraceful. The

second surprise that morning was when I heard my mum say, "Sorry, she is not in today."

Mum did her best to clean Jim up, apologising all the time. He never said a word, and Mum paid him. Agnes was still hiding in a corner. He passed by looking straight ahead and out the door.

Monday morning came bringing another delivery from Jim, who was his usual self. Days passed and a few weeks later, as the incident was never mentioned, we forgot all about it. Late one afternoon Agnes was up on the stepladder dusting shelves while I was behind the till willing time to speed up and deliver my freedom for the evening. To my surprise, a Tunnock's van pulled up across the street and Jim got out and came into the shop. I said, "I thought you would be finished by now."

"I am, but I thought I would stop off on the way home."

Strange, I thought. Jim didn't usually shop with us. Stranger still, John took a Tunnocks snowball from a jar and handed me 3d. John turned his attention to Agnes and started up a friendly conversation. Agnes came down from the ladder and walked towards Jim to continue the chat as Jim nonchalantly took a bite out of his snowball. Suddenly he frowned and, leaning toward Agnes said, "What's that spot on your nose?"

Agnes blinked and tried to peer at whatever might be on her face. As soon as she was distracted, Jim stepped closer and promptly shoved the snowball into her face and began rubbing it into her skin and hair. When the snowball was no more and Agnes' shocked expression was no longer visible, Jim turned away. With a huge grin of satisfaction and a jaunty air he said, "Goodbye Roberta."

He exited with a skip that Morecambe and Wise would have been proud of.

Roberta McLennan.

THE TRUSSELL FOOD BANK IS BACK

Food bank donations for the Trussell at Ibrox.

The Trussell Trust have continued to distribute food through the lockdown and Isobel has been going back to the food bank for the past few weeks. Now we are slowly returning to something more 'normal', we'd like to resume collections from the Church because there are particular things which we need to buy on a weekly basis.

These include:

- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned vegetables
- Teabags
- Rice pudding/custard
- UHT milk

As a 'food' bank, the Trussell isn't allowed to buy non-food essentials, so in order to make the lives of our service users more comfortable, other items of need are:

- Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

Whilst these are the items we especially need, anything you can donate is hugely appreciated. The usual collection boxes will be in the cloakroom area (the disabled loo area). Please could you enter the cloakroom area one at a time, drop off your donation and depart to allow the next person in as expeditiously as possible.

We'll uplift Sunday donations on a Wednesday evening to allow them to 'lie' for 3 days, to minimising the risk of Covid transmission, and we thank everyone for their continued support.

Isobel & Marco Gaudoin



HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY 3rd October

With Autumn comes Harvest, and that's what I'd like to bring to your attention.

After all the changes at S.M. It would be great to put on a good show this year. Fresh start, goodbye COVID (we hope).

Harvest is to be part of "Giving Sunday" this year and we'll hear more about that in due course.

So I'm appealing to everyone to think of giving us some time on Friday 1st October

Help us make our church beautiful.
Absolutely no special skills needed.

Come along and hold a ladder, put stuff in place, eat some scones or sit quietly and create something beautiful yourself. It's a great day. It's always good to see everyone and have a blether.

Stay for an hour or all morning. Bring your camera, bring a friend.

You'll be very welcome 😊!

Hazel

FRIDAY 1/10/21

PS Please email or call me in advance of your attendance to allow us to keep our numbers within the COVID 19 guidelines for our church

Email: hazel.hill63@icloud.com



COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORKER Susan Graham

Hi,

my name is Susan Graham and I am delighted to be your new church and community outreach worker. I have gone to church most of my life and in my mid-teens I decided that I wanted to follow Jesus and was baptised and became a church member. On leaving school I went to the Bible Training Institute in Glasgow and there I met my husband Jim.

On leaving bible college I worked with Child Evangelism Fellowship for 19 years. I have also worked with Faith in Community Scotland as local coordinator for Faith in through care supporting short term prisoners on their release from prison to reintegrate into the community.

I have been married now for almost 36 years (Jim deserves a medal). I have three adult children and two grandchildren. I also have two beautiful Jack Russells that love taking me for walks

I am looking forward to meeting everyone in Sherbrooke and Mossspark Parish church and working alongside you.



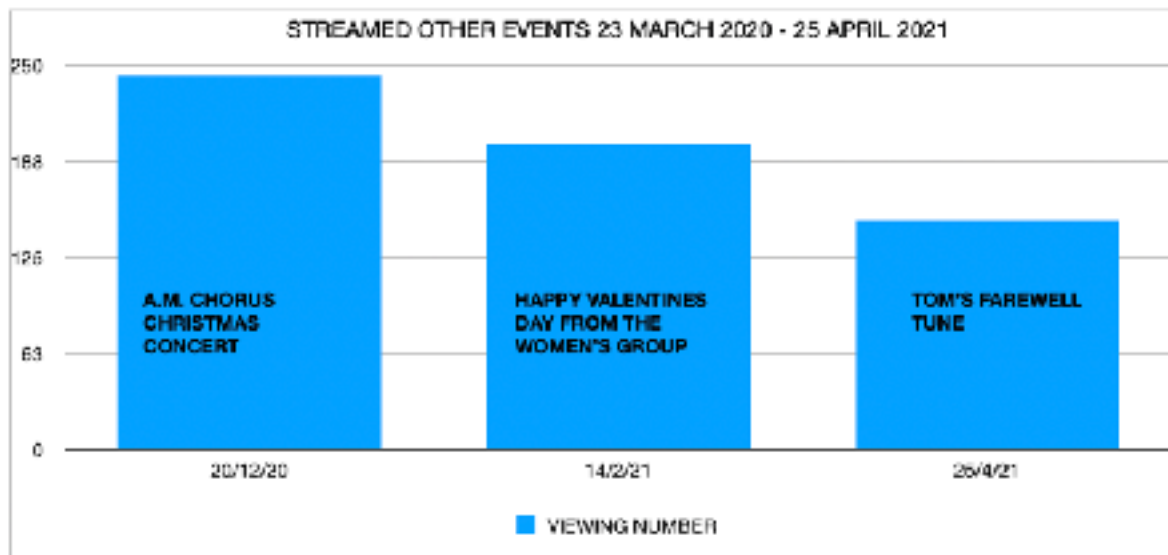
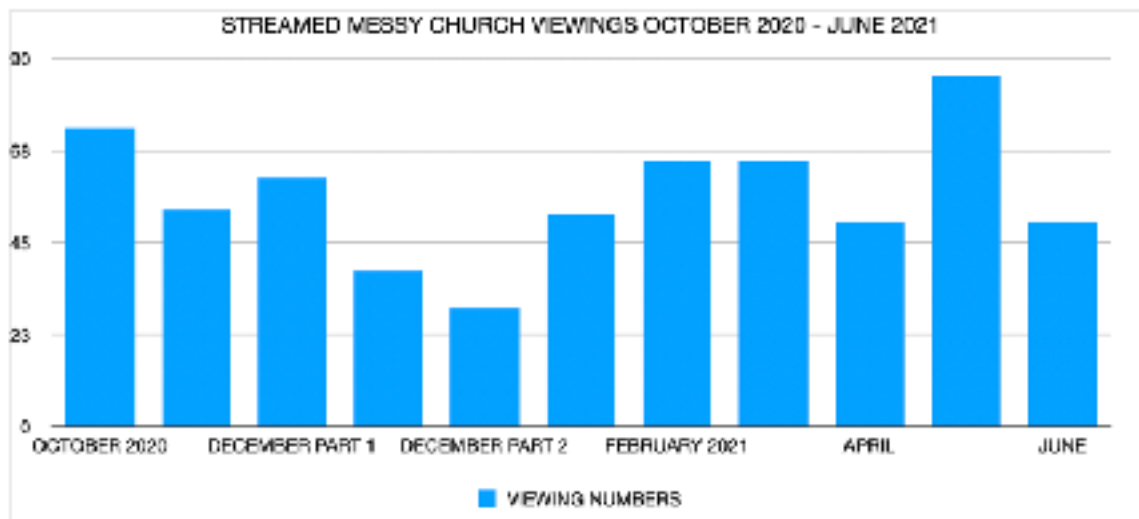
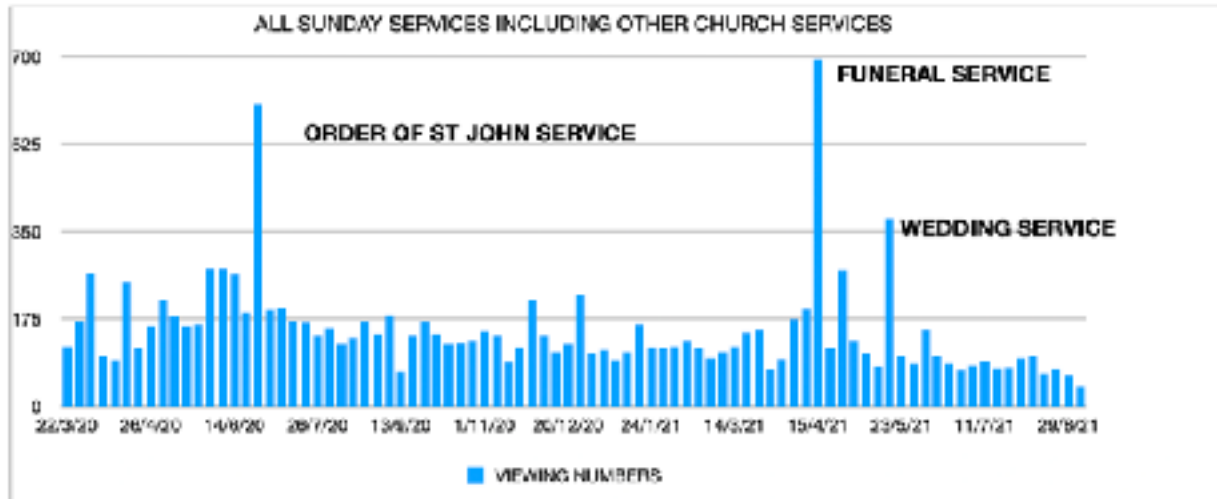
ANNE'S FUN QUIZ QUESTIONS

Can you remember the name of the product from these TV adverts

1. A glass and a half of milk in every half pound
2. Hands that do dishes that are soft as your face
3. Full of Eastern Promise
4. Good bacon has ? written all over it
5. How Do You Eat Yours?
6. The Taste Of Paradise
7. Aaaah!
8. A sign of good taste
9. Only the best for the Captain's table
10. Every Little Helps
11. The man from ?? he says yes
12. Ho! ho! ho!

SHERBROOKE MOSSPARK YOUTUBE VIEWING FIGURES MARCH 2020 - JUNE 2021

If you would like to view the full report please contact M. Cargey





ANNE'S FUN QUIZ ANSWERS

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| 1. A glass and a half of milk in every half pound | Cadbury's Dairy Milk |
| 2. Hands that do dishes that are soft as your face | Fairy Liquid |
| 3. Full of Eastern Promise | Fry's Turkish Delight |
| 4. Good bacon has ? written all over it | Danish |
| 5. How Do You Eat Yours? | Cadbury's Cream Egg |
| 6. The Taste Of Paradise | Bounty |
| 7. Aaaah! | Bisto |
| 8. A sign of good taste | Ferrero Rocher |
| 9. Only the best for the Captain's table | Birds Eye Fish Fingers |
| 10. Every Little Helps | Tesco |
| 11. The man from ?? he says yes | Del Monte |
| 12. Ho! ho! ho! | Jolly Green Giant |



KEY DATES FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Induction Service **Sunday 26th September**

VOTES may be cast directly after the service on **Sunday 26th September** or returned by hand or post (please use a first-class stamp).

BALLOT CLOSES

The ballot will remain open for seven days and close at 12 noon on **Sunday 3rd October, 2021.**

BALLOT COUNT

The count will occur on **Tuesday 5th October** and soon afterwards the result will be declared.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this months magazine. The magazine can also be downloaded from the magazine link on the website Bulletin Board