

Holytown Parish Church

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A Note from the Minister...

Caryl Kyle

The sea has always held a great fascination for me!

I think mainly because I spent so much time in Morecambe as a child visiting with my Gran and so much time in the sea during those long summer holidays with her just messing about in it as children do.

When not at Morecambe for the summer then there would be many happy caravan holidays at my Uncle's caravan right on the seafront in Leven where you almost stepped out the caravan door into the sea!

Later in life came living by the sea, as we were fortunate to live in Ayr as the boys were growing up and that gave us so many wonderful opportunities to be by the sea whenever we felt like it - just messing around in it with them - although we loved it more in the winter when there were less visitors to Ayr and the beach was always empty and the sea seemed to be just for the four of us!!

My fascination continues even today!

When I am down in our flat in Largs I am always amazed at just how much time I seem to spend just looking out the window at the sea - we are indeed so blessed to have a wonderful view from our flat!

Why do I love looking at it so much?

I suppose it is hard to explain - but one reason is that there is something about the sea which seems to have a calming effect on you. I know I certainly feel a calm and a peacefulness fall over me as I catch my first sight of the sea as I am driving into Largs. Sometimes when I pull up in the car at the flat I find myself just sitting there looking out at it, almost mesmerized by it, gazing at all the different patterns which appear on the surface of the water -- and yes! sometimes I do have to give myself a shake to get out of the car!

I think too, that it is fascinating because it is ever changing. No matter how long you look at the sea in every moment it is different. I don't know how many pictures I have of the sea taken from our window!! Mainly because it is always surprising you - one moment it can be as calm as can be and then in an instant the movements of the tide or a breeze or a wind change the whole picture and feel of it.

You can tell I spend a lot of time looking at it can't you?

It certainly is a beautiful part of God's creation!

However, we mustn't ever forget it can become a dangerous part of creation too - and almost in an instant.

Last week, when I was looking at the sea it was calm and serene with lovely swirling patterns on the surface - patterns I had not seen before - but within ten minutes the wind had whipped up very quickly and before I knew it my picture had changed. The waves were higher than I had seen in a long time - rough, fast moving and topped with 'white horses' - and all in a few moments.

As I sat there reflecting on the sea and all its movements that day it reminded me so much of our own lives.



Sometimes all is calm and peaceful within them and we are just 'jogging along' with barely anything disturbing that calm.

Yet, in an instant our lives can become rough and out of control, even challenging, and not always as a result of our own doings - sometimes something unexpected just comes along and our lives change, our peace is disturbed, our safe and secure life is shaken up.

We then begin to think we will never experience some calm again.

However, I think what my fascination with the sea over the years has taught me is that while there can be challenging and rough times in our lives - some form of calm does always return. It may not be in an instant, for sometimes we do experience those 'rough seas' for a long period of time, but eventually calm will return to our lives.

I think the sea is such a wonderful part of God's creation, as we are too; it is ever changing, as our lives do too; and I believe that just as God calms the sea he created when it is rough; he will bring calm to our lives too.

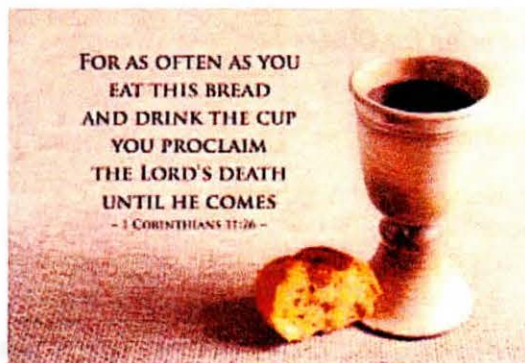
Blessings

Caryl

You are invited to share in Communion

on Sunday 2nd September 2018

Holytown Parish Church at 10am



What's On

Relational Ministry Re-imagined

Date: Saturday 6 October 2018

Venue: Live streamed to various locations across Scotland (including Motherwell)

Cost: £10

This event is aimed at everyone working in ministry with children and young people (Sunday School teachers, Messy Church helpers, BB / GB officers, paid workers ...)

At its simplest, ministry is about relationships. In recent decades our culture and approach to relationships has changed. What does this mean for us?

Andy Root will lead three sessions:

- The importance of and cultural shifts around relationships
- The focus and purpose of our relationships with children and young people
- Developing relational and incarnational ministry

Following each session, participants will have the opportunity to explore and discuss these ideas with the other delegates in your local venue.

Andy Root is a sought-after speaker at conferences, colleges, and churches. He is known for an engaging style that laces together stories, theological thinking, and humour in a very accessible way

This conference is particularly relevant for people involved in ministry with children and young people (especially volunteers). It is a unique opportunity to join others in your area to explore how to develop and deepen our relationships with children and young people, within and around the church.

Pastoral Care Conference - 10 November 2018

'Nurturing Pastoral Care Together'

Join us for a day of worship, nurturing and fellowship.

Based on the forthcoming Learn: Pastoral Care publication, the conference will look at how we can nurture and share Christian pastoral care. Delegates will be provided with initial resources and practical guidance, and encouraged to reflect on their care for others as well as themselves.

Contributors to the new publication - Gabrielle Dench, Janet Foggie, Tom Gordon, Ewan Kelly, Cameron Langlands, Blair Robertson, John Swinton and Gayle Taylor - will speak on the following themes:

- Fundamental Features of Caring for Others
- Caring for the 'Self'
- Dementia
- Caring for Children and Young People
- Mental Health Struggle
- Caring for the Terminally Ill
- Relationships and Separation
- Loneliness and Isolation
- Bereavement

Lunch will be provided and each delegate will receive a free copy of Learn: Pastoral Care.

For more information contact Catriona Munro on 0131 225 5722 or at Learn@churchofscotland.org.uk

Social Committee / Friends of Holytown

May McNeil

Firstly many thanks to all those who helped contribute to our recent social events, Taylor Fashion Show, Race Night and our sponsored walk. Slow but steady progress is being made and your support, as always is greatly appreciated. We are continuing our efforts with the Smartie tubes. Please feel free to uplift your smartie tube(s) from the vestibule of the Church and return it when you can. The sum we have raised to date amounts to the significant total of £6,120.

At present we have no further events planned but a planning meeting will be taking place in the next week or so when we hope to remedy this situation.

1st Holytown Girls' Brigade

Linda Baillie

The girls of 1st Holytown Girls' Brigade ended the last session with a night at M&D's. The younger girls enjoyed a play session in crazy Congo and a ride on the carousel. The older girls had fun playing ten pin bowling. We all enjoyed some food and juice afterwards.

The new session begins on Wednesday 29th August 2018 with a games and enrolment evening in Holytown Parish Church hall from 6.30 - 7.30pm for all sections (Girls from 3 - 16 years of age).

The enrolment fee £15.00 per girl.

We look forward to seeing all the girls and welcome all our new girls on that evening.



1st Holytown Boys' Brigade

Glen Baillie

The boys of 1st Holytown Boys' Brigade all had a fantastic time during their annual trip to Millport at the end of the session.

This year the boys had a sponsored cycle and raised £300 towards the cost of the trip.

On a very warm day the boys enjoyed the cycle round the island, the trip and time at Largs beach where they met up with Caryl and Graham and enjoyed chips.

Enrolment for the new session is on Monday 3rd September from 6.30-7.30pm.

The cost for each boy is £15.00.



The Guild

Christine Duns

The Guild will be starting back on Wednesday 10th October. We meet in the Michael Sherry Centre, Main Street, Holytown starting at 7.15pm and finishing between 8.30 and 9.00 pm depending on speakers on the night.

It will be nice to meet up again with familiar faces and it would be great to see some new faces too.

Everyone is welcome.

We have a fun-filled packed syllabus.

Please come along and enjoy the laughs, entertainment and fellowship - all welcome!



Fellowship Group

Betty Jenkins

The Fellowship Group recommences on Thursday 13th September in the Church Hall from 1.30pm till 3.30pm.

There will be dominoes, the occasional quiz and possibly table tennis, with a break for tea and biscuits.

All will be made most welcome.

Day of Giving

Susan Reid

In order to meet our financial obligations for the rest of the year, there will be a Day of Giving later in the year as well as a Stewardship Campaign.

We have several projects ongoing at present such as maintenance in the Manse (new boiler has been installed), and a new replacement door and the roughcasting of the exterior walls are due to begin shortly.

The Church requires the external access and toilet facilities to be upgraded in order to make it compliant with the latest regulations and will involve architects, planning authorities etc which increase the overall cost. Discussions are being held with the architect.

We have also been unable to find a replacement organist for Margaret Milne (how can you replace the irreplaceable?) so we are purchasing a new Hymn Technology system which costs £2,625.47.

As you can imagine none of the above work falls into the normal run of the mill expenses incurred over the year, and we would ask that you give what you can afford no matter how little as every penny helps when the Day of Giving date is confirmed.

Your support is greatly appreciated

Sunday Readers

2nd September	David Shaw
9th September	Glen Baillie
16th September	Betty Reid
23rd September	Graham Kyle
30th September	David Paterson
7th October	Jim Smith
14th October	Kirsty Shaw
21st October	Ian Houston
28th October	David Shaw
4th November	Glen Baillie
11th November	Betty Reid
18th November	Paula Speirs
25th November	Graham Kyle

Flower List

2nd September	E Sinclair
9th September	C Menzies
16th September	C Boyd
23rd September	M McIlroy
30th September	J Bell
7th October	B Jenkins
14th October	B Reid
21st October	B McKenzie
28th October	J Bell
4th November	I McNally
11th November	N McPherson
18th November	D Patterson
25th November	C Duns



Poppy Appeal

The 11th November, 2018, is a particularly significant date in history. It marks the centenary of the armistice and the end of WW1.

During the Summer Services at both Wrangholm and Holytown you would have heard our minister make an appeal for people who have the ability to knit or crochet to help create a visual display of poppies. This would help to commemorate the bravery of the men and women who served their country during the First World War. The idea is that we can gather at least 100 knitted or crocheted poppies which will be mounted on stems and placed outside each church forming meaningful visual displays of appreciation for their ultimate sacrifice. Whilst we have said at least 100 if we can receive more than this, we will ensure they are also displayed prominently.

The patterns for the poppies can be found at the back of the newsletter.

Friends of Holytown Sponsored Walk

Kirsty Shaw

On the 30th June the Friends of Holytown participated in a sponsored walk round Strathclyde park we were fortunate enough to have the sun shining down on us, so the wellies weren't needed after all. Despite sunburn, blisters and possible knee surgery, the day was a success as at the moment we have raised a total of £826 !!!

I would like to thank all those who participated and everyone who sponsored us or donated - you are all amazing.

Hopefully we can make this an annual event and possibly have more friends join us next year.



Over to You!

This is your space to say a big Thank You or share your congratulations to someone special. Please get in touch if you would like to add a message to this section.

- * The congregation would like to say a big thank you to Margaret Milne for her talents in playing the organ each Sunday in Church. Thank you for your service Margaret, we are most grateful for your talents.
- * Betty Reid would like to thank Agnes Ferguson for the lovely flowers she received.
- * Congratulations goes to Una and David Smith on their sixtieth wedding anniversary!
- * Alice and Jim would like to thank their friends from both churches for their best wishes, cards and gifts on the birth of their Grandson - it was very much appreciated. We would also like to than Wrangholm Kirk for the Sunday Flowers.

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” - Colossians 3:1

Church People v Kingdom People

Caryl Kyle

While clearing out my study recently in one of my files I came across a sheet of paper which I had kept safely filed since the days of my training for Ministry - yes I know my study does need a good tidying out!

However as I re-read it, it seemed to me that maybe the words upon it were something we should all be reflecting on at this time of decline in the national church and deciding if we are indeed still 'Kingdom People' or have we become 'Church People' - for how that is answered makes a huge difference to how you live your personal life and the vision of a church.

I share it for you to reflect upon and decide what sort of person you are or have become - for it does make a difference!

Blessings
Caryl

Church People

Concerned with church activities, religious behaviour, spiritual things, because these are the concerns of the church

Put Church membership above a concern for justice, mercy and truth

Think about how to get people into the Church

Their outreach is to the lapsed

Concerned that the Church might be changed by the world

Settle for the status quo and their own (respectable) kind of people

Their ministry is centred round Sacramental life

They can live very private religious lives

Regard those who are baptised as the People of God

Are concerned with the state of body and soul - principally the latter

Kingdom People

Concerned with all human behaviour, everything God has made, because these are the concerns of the Gospel

See human affairs as saturated with spiritual meaning and kingdom significance

Seek first the Kingdom of God, believing all else will follow

Think about how to get the Church into the world

Their outreach is to everyone influential in effecting change in society

Work to see that the Church changes the world

Are concerned with those who are poor, the widow, the orphan, the marginalised

Their ministry is centred round proclamation and the means to live Gospel values

Are concerned to build community as witness to the Gospel unity of humanity

Regard all who promote the Kingdom, baptised or not, as the People of God

Are concerned with the healing and health of the whole person

Parish Register

Funerals

2018

June

George Stewart

July

Margaret Roberts
John Stannage
Joyce Matthewson

August

Janet Dymark

Baptisms

2018

June

Blythe Elizabeth Kelly

Weddings

2018

June

Colin Lindsay and Maha Mukhtar



Crossreach

Queen's representative praises CrossReach projects

The Lord High Commissioner, who is the Queen's representative at the General Assembly, has thanked staff at a CrossReach project for adults with learning disabilities for 'dedicating their lives' to helping people. In his speech at the closing session of the General Assembly, His Grace Richard Scott, Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry said it was a 'privilege' to visit Threshold Support Services in Hamilton, South Lanarkshire. His Grace said the service supports young people with "challenging development difficulties, helping them to transition from home life to being in the community and being with them along their whole journey through life into old age." He added he was particularly struck by staff who have dedicated their lives to "looking after those with constant needs in a loving Christian way" for at least 20 years. The Duke of Buccleuch also commended Morlich House in Edinburgh for its innovative '1950s street' which includes a working sweet shop plus a room and kitchenette decorated in the style of the 1950s. While visiting the CrossReach marquee at the Heart and Soul event in Princes Street Gardens His Grace was shown a display featuring items from the unique project and said that he thought it was an excellent idea which could help the residents remember past times in their lives.

Save your stamps!

Ever wondered what to do with your old stamps? Look no further - CrossReach are collecting them! In their most recent newsletter they wrote:

"Thank you for all the stamps and other collectables you are sending in to CrossReach! The response so far has been amazing! Not a day goes by without you sending us at least one package of stamps. We even received two black bags full of stamps recently. We love all the stamps we receive, whether by the envelope or the black bag. We are also grateful for receiving your stamp albums first day cover collections, war medals, old coins, postcard collections, cigarette card collections, and any other collectable you want to send. Your stamps and collectables are turned into care in many of CrossReach's Children and Family services, such as Daisy Chain in Govanhill and the Visitors' Centre at HMYOI Polmont. Please tell everyone you know that we welcome stamps, stamp collections and other collectables - and together we'll see more children and families receive the loving care and support they need. Thank you."

To find out more, please phone CrossReach on 0131 454 4374 or email supporters@crossreach.org.uk

Worship Music

After many years of faithful service as our organist, Margaret has retired in this capacity and we are all really sorry to see her go.

As well as playing for morning and evening services of worship, she was often called upon to play at weddings and funerals and also for some of the other Church organisations. She made it over to Holytown from her home in Hamilton no matter the weather.

This left us with a major gap to fill. We have tried everything within our power to get a regular replacement organist but have come up against a brick wall because it seems these days that organists are about as rare as hen's teeth.

As an alternative we are in the process of purchasing a music player called Hymn Technology 400 at considerable cost that can be played through our public-address system and will hopefully meet our requirements. While it's a shame that we won't hear our pipe organ as often as we are used to this has been a case of 'needs must' and many Churches are having to take the same decision.

Fundraising

We as a Church in Holytown are facing significant financial challenges in the immediate future, some of which are outlined in this issue of our magazine. Every single one of us who are part of this Church in any way really need to step up to help us as a body of folk under the banner of Christ to meet these challenges. This is likely to require each and every one of us to give a little more of our time, our skills and our resources. We can view this requirement as a chore, something to be avoided or as an opportunity.

The easiest option is to sit back and rely on others giving of their time etc. It is easy to criticise the ideas and efforts of others. The difficult thing is to come up with the ideas and the plans and to try and make them work for the overall benefit of our congregation at this time and for the future.

Recent initiatives have been successful to a degree but to give you an example, in our recent sponsored walk, there were only 11 participants. Despite raising £900, a terrific sum, surely we could have done better in terms of more participants and more sponsors. This has been the same for almost all previous fundraising events. In every case when time was set aside to see what went well and what didn't go so well, the conclusions were 'we could have done better had we received more support from members, adherents and their families and friends'.

Please do not be shy in coming forward if you have not previously been involved in Church activities. It was mentioned in the first paragraph that this could be viewed as an opportunity, an opportunity to get to know some of the other Church folk a wee bit better, an opportunity to make new friends, an opportunity to have fun being involved and, most of all, an opportunity to make a difference.

Disabled Persons Toilet

In order to conform to necessary regulations one of the tasks on our 'to-do list' is to install a toilet that is disability compliant.

In order that we qualify for funding grants we have to show that we are making a substantial contribution to the overall cost ourselves. This amount will vary depending on the grant provider. Obviously the more we have the more we can ask for and the more we can do.

The first expense however will be for a Feasibility Study followed by the cost of the architect, engineer and building warrant. We estimate this will amount to approximately £ 3,500.00. It is unlikely that any of these elements will be covered by Grant monies so we will have to raise this amount ourselves.

Phase 1 will be the toilet accommodation and the modifications to the rear exit via the Vestry. Anything else will be a bonus. This will include propping the access stair (to the upper level) to create the necessary space for the DPT (Disabled Persons Toilet), altering the electrics, alarm system and entrance doors to the Sanctuary. The floor level in the Vestry will need to be altered, the internal door modified, the escape door altered and a ramp installed.

Until the initial survey is completed we will not know the extent of the alterations to the upper level or if the access stair to the balcony will need to be modified.

Phase 2 would be the upper level, rewire, new lighting and re-decoration.

Phase 3 will be the external works comprising altering the parking area at the front of the Church, installing a ramp etc although 2 and 3 can be switched to suit our needs.

The above will go a long way to making us Disabled Person Compliant but will not meet every criteria as detailed in the Church of Scotland safety directive.

Lots to be going on with!

Moving Around

(There are important lessons to be learnt from the following story and at times when church attendances are in the decline, each of us needs to see what, if anything we need to change and, what, if anything, we need to do differently in the future).

The Job I had involved my family having to relocate more frequently than could be considered normal. Each time we moved we went out our way to find somewhere to attend Sunday morning worship where we all felt comfortable and welcome.

We didn't find ourselves church shopping as much as usual this time around - "we," being my husband and our two young sons. "This time around," being another unexpected move, this time from Northern California to the Pacific Northwest.

Instead, we did our homework ahead of time. We connected with church leaders over e-mail and Twitter; we poured over their websites in order to find the best fit for our little family.

But it hasn't been that easy every other time we've moved and had to switch churches.

I'm guessing we're not alone in visiting a new church for the first time. Whether you attend the congregation you grew up in, or just celebrated your three-month anniversary in a faith community, I guarantee there are people among you, visiting your church for the first time. And, no matter how long or how involved you find yourself with the body of Christ, it's easy *not* to see the visitors among you. It's also easy for those visitors, just like my family and me, to then be turned away from the church.

Curious as to what turns a new person away? I've got seven ideas for you.

1. Refuse to see me.

It's easy to spot visitors: we don't know where we're going, because we don't know what we're doing in this new environment. Whether you're a greeter or the person sitting two seats to my right, I need you to see me - because isn't seeing half the battle?

2. Don't offer me a smile.

Now here's the deal: we're Jesus people. We're supposed to be filled with his light, his joy, his love - because *this* is how the Spirit of God has changed us. But I can't tell you how many times I've visited a new church and not received a single smile. So, be brave, meet my hopeful gaze, and give me a genuine grin, will you?

3. Neglect offering me help.

It's easy, when we know the routines and the rhythms and the know-hows of a place, to forget that not everyone knows what we know. Chances are, if it looks like I might not know what I'm doing, I really *don't* know what I'm doing. So, offer to help me. I'll be so grateful to you.

4. Abstain from introducing yourself to me.

Sometimes we think the business of getting to know newcomers belongs to the office bearers of a church - but that can't be further from the truth. As the body of Christ, we're the fleshy arms and legs of Jesus, and just as Christ calls us to be the Church, the staff of your church needs you to notice new people like me.

5. Forget that I'm a person who wants to be known, just like you.

It always amazes me how much I can learn about a person just by asking and entering into conversation with them. That being said, because we humans were and are made for genuine relationship, there's something about another person wanting to really *know* me that makes me feel known and understood. So, ask me where I'm from. Connect the dots. Practice active listening so you can ask me *another* question. I guarantee it'll make someone like me feel loved!

6. Ignore my boundaries.

In one breath, I write about getting to know me, but in the next breath, I also ask you to respect my boundaries. If I'm an introverted or private person, I may not want to answer your questions - so be okay with and respect my boundaries if I choose not to flow with you in conversation. Don't take it personally!

7. Forget my name.

Here's the deal: we, as parishioners, oftentimes sit in the same area in a church service. Visitors, who might still be *visiting* four weeks in, oftentimes sit in the same area in a church service as well. Whether I see you afterwards the church foyer, or the next week while sitting behind you again, I'll probably remember you, because, to me, you're one of the few representatives of this place. So, remember me. Write down my name on the inside of your Bible or in your cell phone. Build up this name-remembering skill.

The list could continue on forever.

But here's the bottom line: we really *can* be good neighbours to those who are visiting our churches for the first time. We can emulate the actions and compassion of Jesus who welcomed every sinner and saint into his midst. We can take note of the Good Samaritan who noticed the stranger, the one every other passerby ignored and walked right on past.

And maybe in doing this, we'll prevent *some* new visitors from church shopping - because we'll have appropriately welcomed them into Christ's space.



Financial report as at 05.08.18

General Income

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Freewill offering	9046.50	9358.20
Plate	2826.39	3188.15
Standing Orders	6280.00	6055.00
Hall lets	3163.00	2809.50
Funerals/Weddings	820.00	820.00
Donations	1305.00	2013.10
Magazines	130.00	130.00
Wrangholm Linkage	2631.58	1386.46
Day of Giving	0.00	765.00
Spring Fayre	2666.19	2833.68
Gift Aid	7702.69	7828.65
Christian Aid	0.00	496.01
Total General Income	£36571.35	£37683.75

Fabric Fund **£265.30** **£501.94**

Total Income **£36836.65** **£38185.69**

General Expenditure

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Ministries & Mission	18679.20	18316.20
Presbytery dues	794.00	741.00
Insurance	2512.65	2492.91
Minister's expenses	566.16	543.15
Pulpit supply	340.00	200.00
Electricity	782.08	945.00
Gas	3744.08	1898.10
Telephone	452.31	535.91
Broadband	685.44	419.88
Council Tax	864.32	830.19
Organist/Church officer fees	410.00	790.00
Paper/Toner/Copier Maintenance	361.80	531.08
Life & Work Magazines	136.50	136.50
Baptism Certificates	5.99	34.16
Wrangholm transfer	60.00	0.00
Garden maintenance	600.00	600.00
Spill the Beans literature	38.00	48.00
Amazonia	0.00	101.50
Organ maintenance	0.00	156.00
Planner	7.99	0.00
Christian Aid	0.00	496.01
Total General expenditure	£31040.52	£29815.59

Fabric Fund

Floor covering for Manse	0.00	387.13
Floodlight	0.00	126.01
Fire Extinguisher service	251.70	112.80
Fire Alarm / Smoke detector service	615.24	641.40
Asbestos survey (part payment)	436.80	0.00
Toilet lock	0.00	48.66
Boiler	2200.00	0.00
Vacuum cleaner	55.00	0.00
Slates/Gutter repairs	150.00	0.00
Electrical checks	250.00	0.00
Insurance repairs	0.00	6000.00
Total Fabric expenditure	£3958.74	£7316.00

Total Expenditure **£34999.26** **£37131.59**

Investors Trust Funds

Balances as at May 2018 are as follows:

General Fund £15921.50

Reserve Fund £8214.41

Legacy Fund £826.47

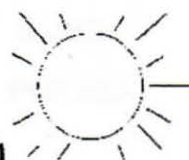
Sunday School £434.95

Boys Brigade £1077.19

Children's Corner

All Things Were Made
by Him

And God saw everything
that He made,
and that it was good.



Poppy Pattern 1

You will need:

Needles: Size 10 or 3 1/4mm

Colour A: 1 ball of red yarn. Colour B: 1 ball of black yarn.

Body of the poppy:

Using Colour A cast on 72 stitches.

Rows 1 to 10: Knit across the whole row.

Row 11: Knit 2 stitches together across the row (36 stitches).

Row 12: Continue to knit the row in red.

Change to Colour B

Row 13: Knit

Row 14: Slip 1 stitch knit 2 stitches together then pass the slip stitch over ...
repeat across the whole row (12 stitches)

Break off the yarn with a long tail and thread back through the remaining stitches and pull tight. Join the edges.

Poppy Pattern 2

You will need:

Needle: Size not specified.

Colour A: 1 ball of red yarn. Colour B: 1 ball of black yarn or a black button.

Body of the poppy:

Using colour A cast on 120 stitches.

Rows 1 to 4: Knit

Row 5: Knit 3 stitches together across the row (40 stitches)

Rows 6 to 9: Knit

Row 10: Knit 2 stitches together across
the row (20 stitches)

Rows 11 to 14: Knit

Row 15: Knit 2 stitches together across the row (10 stitches)

Cut the yarn leaving a tail of about 20cm. Thread the tail through the yarn needle and slip all the remaining stitches onto the yarn tail and pull tight. Pull around into a circle and then

mattress stitch (or use whatever stitching you normally use to seam) for an invisible seam. Sew in the ends.

Centre of the poppy:

Using Colour B cast on 16 stitches. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre of the body OR use a black or green button with four holes and sew to the centre of the poppy.

Poppy Pattern 3

You will need:

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Red yarn

Black button

Using the red yarn cast on 60 stitches.

Rows 1 to 8: Knit 2 Purl 2 to the end.

Row 9: Knit 2 together to the end. (30 stitches)

Row 10: Slip 2 knit 1 pass over to the end. (10 stitches) or knit three together to the end of the row.

Break off the yarn leaving a long tail. Thread tail through the remaining 10 stitches and pull tight, then fasten off the yarn.

Join the edges of the poppy together and sew the black button in the centre of the poppy or sew some long stitches with black wool over the middle of the poppy.

Poppy Pattern 4 (Crochet Version)

You will need: Red yarn and Black yarn Note: ch = chain dc = double

crochet tr = treble crochet Round 1:

In black wool chain 6 and join to first chain with a slip stitch to form a loop. Chain 2 (counts as your first double crochet dc) Work 11 dc into the centre loop—which makes 12 stitches in total. Note: For a larger black centre work treble crochet instead of double crochet.

Round 2: Change to red yarn

1. Into any stitch work ch2 (counts as first double crochet). Work 1dc into the same stitch.
2. Into next stitch work 2dc and repeat this, working 2dc into every stitch = 24 stitches.
Join with a slip stitch into the second chain stitch you did at the beginning of the round.

Round 3:

Petals — repeat this four times to make 4 petals in total.

1. ch2 (counts as a dc), into the next stitch work 2tr
2. Work 2 tr into next stitch, 2tr into next stitch, 2 tr into next stitch = 8 tr crochet stitches.
3. 1 dc into next stitch = 10 stitches = 1 petal

l dc into the next stitch is the start of your next petal – repeat steps 1 to 3 three more times.

Complete 4th petal with a slip stitch into the first ch2 you did for the first petal but do not cast off.

Round 4 is an optional extra – makes slightly fuller petals

Into each tr stitch from the previous round work 2dc = 16 dc Work a slip stitch in between the two dc from the previous round. This gives the 'dip' between the two petals clear definition. The needle indicates where to work the slip stitch. Repeat for each petal working all the way round your poppy. Join with a slip stitch and cast off.

