

# March 2017 Magazine

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## From the Rector

*Dear Friends,*

The season of Lent is upon us a season when all too often we seem to concentrate on what we might give up. However Lent is not about unnecessarily giving things up, Lent is a time when we take a look at our whole lives and do what is needed to make them more Christ like. That might mean giving something up, or taking something up, but those things are to do with our spiritual life not our physical one.

On the Sundays leading up to Lent this year we have been hearing Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Throughout the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us how to live as Children of God, some of his sayings are easy to adopt, some of them more challenging. Having listened to Jesus' teachings during February challenging us to live our lives reflecting God's Word and Will, we now have the opportunity not simply to give up chocolate or alcohol, paying lip service to the season by giving up things we might think as good to give up for our physical welfare. But rather to give up those things that God would have us give up that are detrimental to our spiritual welfare and to take up those things which make us more godly in our interactions with others.

Jesus fasted 40 days in the wilderness. At the end he was hungry and the devil tempted him by telling him to turn the stones into bread. Jesus' response was that life needs more than bread, more than the physical, life needs the Word of God to transform it. The devil tempted Jesus by suggesting he used his power as a short cut. Jesus' response was to point out that nothing is learnt through short cuts, learning involves changing who we are rather than avoiding the changes necessary. Worship belongs to God and God should not be tested.

These 40 days are not just 40 days to go without chocolate so when Easter comes more chocolate than is good for us is consumed, but rather 40 days to change our lives so that when Easter comes we will be better prepared for celebrating the risen Christ and sharing that Good News.

*Blessings Kirstin*

## Update on Bishop Gregor

Bishop Gregor has now been able to return home after alterations were made to Bishop's House and he is continuing to improve. The Bishop of Edinburgh, John Armes, has been appointed by the House of Bishops, with Bishop Gregor's approval, to deal with any matters in the diocese which require episcopal oversight. Please continue to pray for Bishop Gregor, the Dean and Bishop John.

## Lent Appeal

This year the vestry have decided that the Lent Appeal will go towards helping local refugees. Lent boxes will be available from the **26th February** and we ask that they be returned by **23rd April** (the Sunday after Easter).

## Lent Lunch



There will be a simple bread and cheese lunch after the main 10.30am service **on Sunday 12th March**. All are welcome, vestry members will be providing the bread and cheese and those attending will be asked to give a donation to the Lent Appeal. Please put the date in your diary.

## Lent Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer for Lent will be held in the Choir Vestry at 8am Monday to Thursday during Lent. Please enter via the door at the Choir Vestry.

## Diocesan Synod

The Diocesan Synod will be held on 4th March in Barony College just outside Dumfries. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Synod begins with the Eucharist at 10am. Rob Smith is All Saints representative at Diocesan Synod and will write a report for the next magazine.

## New Carpet

The church is looking resplendent with its replacement carpet given in memory of Roy Thompson who was often heard to say how much the previous collection of carpets did the church no favours. As mentioned in a vestry report, the vestry took the decision to extend the carpet to lessen drafts and noise. As we are no longer constrained with carpet edges, this has allowed for a slightly wider

centre aisle, slightly wider spaces between the rows and the removal of four chairs at the back side aisles for easier movement and to give the choir a touch more space when they are singing the anthem.

## World Day of Prayer, 2pm on Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at All Saints

The World Day of Prayer is a great thing to be part of. If you've never been before, why not give it a try?



Every year on (or near) the first FRIDAY in MARCH, Christians around the world (Protestants, Roman Catholics, Orthodox, Evangelicals) of all ages (women, men, young people and children) gather in small groups and large congregations using the same basic form of worship, written by women of a different country each year on a theme chosen by the World Day of Prayer International Committee.

There will be over 600 services held in Scotland on the theme of 'Am I Being Unfair to you?', written by the women of the Philippines. The service had been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects to be used throughout the world on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at sunrise over the island of Tuvalu and continuing until sunset in Alaska.

The World Day of Prayer is for everyone, not just women, and we hope to see our congregation well represented to welcome those coming from the other Bearsden churches. If you have friends or neighbours in other congregations please invite them to come too.

Christine Smith

## All Saints Vestry Notes – February 13th

- The Vestry met on 13 February 2017.
- A temporary MAPping facilitator, Isobel MacNaughton from the Cathedral, had been appointed to serve for the duration of Canon O'Brian-Stewart's maternity leave. It was hoped the steering group would meet in the near future.
- The Property Convenor presented in his written submission to the meeting an analysis of the jobs in last summers Quinquennial Report, dividing them into Priority and Non-priority Works. The items had been priced as far as possible by our usual contractor. The first priority items totalled only about half the amount budgeted for quinquennial maintenance for this financial

year so the Vestry was able to approve immediately that these works be taken on. They were also enabled to add another couple of jobs from the non-priority list. The Convenor was asked to obtain some more information about the other non-priority items.

- The Treasurer reported that the Quota for 2017 (the sum paid by All Saints for Diocesan and Provincial expenses) had been assessed and had been increased by about 10% over the 2016 sum. This was largely accounted for by the need to make a quota payment from the legacy received in 2015-6.
- As the Bishop was currently convalescing after his recent illness, there had been no details of a Diocesan Lent Appeal circulated. The Vestry decided that it would organise our own appeal, most likely for a local refugee charity. There would also be a Lent Lunch, after a morning service in March and serving frugal fare, to raise money for this.
- The Vestry discussed proposals for fund-raising for the Church which had been brought forward by members after the Treasurer intimated that we were unlikely to meet our budgeted target for this financial year without further events. After some discussion it was decided that there would be more discussion of this topic at the March meeting.
- The Rector indicated, that owing to an illness at St James, Bishopbriggs, she would need to spend more time there during their interregnum than she had initially expected; this would involve her not being at the All Saints Sunday morning service on one Sunday a month.
- The next meeting would be held on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.

Andrew Long

## Note from the Lay Representative

This time of year is a busy period for your Lay Representative as there have been two meetings of the North West Regional Council (NWRC) in 2017 already, whilst **on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>** it is a case of boldly going to the Scottish Rural College (SRUC) Barony Campus, Parkgate, Dumfries to attend the meeting of Diocesan Synod. It's a hard life but someone has to do it...

January is always the time of year that the NWRC has its AGM, and so on a cold Wednesday evening we assembled in All Saints' Jordanhill for a spirited meeting preceded by a Holy Communion, with prayers for healing, conducted by the Rev the Hon Sydney Maitland.

The AGM is the time when the election of Council Office bearers takes place – with the Revd Kenny Macaulay re-elected as Convenor with yours truly as Deputy Convenor and Tim Rhead (now at St Andrews, Milngavie) as Secretary. A good number of volunteers, both clergy and laity, put their names forward for the elections from the Diocese to General Synod this year, and so the region may well find itself well represented in Edinburgh in June.

Other matters briefly raised at the AGM were deferred to the Business meeting which took part on February 15<sup>th</sup> and held in a cosy room in the hall of St Augustine's, Dunbarton.

There was an update on the Bishop's health with the welcome news that he is progressing well and now at home, although temporarily the Bishop of Edinburgh will oversee the Diocese for anything which the Dean is unable to execute.

There was also a lengthy update by David Simmons on what had been discussed at the most recent Diocesan Council meeting. One of the main items, which has concerned the NWRC for the last few months has been the sale of Holy Cross, Knightswood and the use of the funds raised. Before his illness, the Bishop had agreed to come and discuss this with the NWRC, but that will now have to wait until a future date. There was also the matter of the Garden of Remembrance there and what is to become of those in it. The possibility of moving the contents to a site in another charge in the area was discussed.

The other matter of concern related to the forthcoming meeting of Synod when the changes proposed to *Canon 31 – Of the Solemnisation of Holy Matrimony*. This received its First Reading at General Synod in 2016 and is likely to result in a lively debate at Diocesan Synod in Dumfries. One hopes that sufficient time has been allocated to allow all who wish to speak on this important issue, which has far reaching consequences for the Episcopal Church here in Scotland, to do so. Your prayers would be much appreciated for all who will be present at Synod and the decisions they will make then.

Rob Smith

## Wednesday Lunch News

Wednesday lunches take place every Wednesday at 12 noon in the Glenburn hall. The Lunches are well underway for the second half of our season. The numbers attending are remarkable and the support and offers of help continue to flow under Jenny's marvellous organisation.

Here are some dates for your diary if you are free to join us you are always sure of a warm welcome.

**February 22nd** we welcome our new organist, Peter Christie, as our visiting speaker. February 22nd is also **Apple Day**, replacing a possible pancake day before Lent. We received a harvest of apples from Margaret Escreet's daughter and so we are celebrating with every possible apple confection we can think of.



**March 1st** is our Lenten lunch, soup and bread with biscuits and cheese and pate. Join us if you can after the Ash Wednesday morning service.

**March 22nd** is our flower day when we celebrate with flower posies the coming of Mothering Sunday



**April 5th** is our last meeting of this spring season. Christine Hermann has rejoined us from her sojourn down south and is sharing the delights of her wonderful hats so ... Easter bonnets can be worn.



Our two summer meetings are on:

**May 3rd** A musical lunch with Penny and Geoff Heydock ... a wonderful treat for us all.

**June 28th** The date of our summer outing this year. We are going to Ross Priory by Loch Lomond for lunch. More about this nearer the time but keep this date free.

The lunch team

## Wednesday Burns Lunch

How fortunate to be celebrating the birthday of Rabbe Burns on a Wednesday this year as we were treated to a special lunch from the wonderful "team" who give their services every week.

We had an addition of haggis and cock-a-leekie soup and were given a rendition of the "toast



to the haggis" by one of Sheena's friends, Joyce Simpson, and Karine Davison sang some very amusing Glasgow street songs as well as Burns songs.

Thank you to all involved as a good time was had by all.



Penny Haydock

## The Scots Language

*(apologies from your glaikit editor: Jean's article should have been included in a previous issue)*

A few weeks ago the lunch club invited Graham Caie to give a talk about the Scots language not Gaelic. My memory of the event was that he told us it is the language of kings and we should be proud of it. When King James 6<sup>th</sup> of Scotland and 1st of England went to London he had to soften his dialect. Few people take elocution now a days to speak BBC English!!

We were all happy to chat about our experiences of words used often in our family. They tend to be very descriptive and better read out loud to get the feeling for the words e.g. glaur meaning mud or in my case my granny always said to pass the poorie meaning milk jug. The talk was all too short as we could listened to much more had there been time. Thank you Graham.

Jean Stirling

## Music Notes

There's a service of readings and music for Passiontide on **Palm Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> April) at 6:30pm**, when our own choir will be joined by singers from the former St James's Paisley (whom we welcome once



more) and we hope by members of the New Kilpatrick Church choir. It will be a service of readings, meditations, fine anthems appropriate to the season, and hymns. If any of our 'occasional' singers wish to join us, there are rehearsals on **Saturday mornings 25 March and 1 April** at 10:30am, and on the day at 4:00pm. **Palm Sunday** should be a tremendous experience as a gateway to Holy Week this year.

A reminder that we have another Choral Evensong planned for **14<sup>th</sup> May** at 6:30pm, once again with an augmented choir. The Introit and Anthem will be Balfour Gardener's 'Evening Hymn' and Patrick Hadley's 'My beloved spake', both wonderful choir anthems.

Last month I posed the question 'what is church music actually *for*? A cynical answer, and one that used to really get my goat as a young organist/choirmaster, is that it 'covers the action' – disguises the sounds of sundry folk clumping around the building, and gives you something to do while the procession gets from A to B. In actual fact, that's largely historically correct!



The sung parts of the Eucharist comprise the 'Ordinary of the Mass' (the non-changing texts – Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus/Benedictus and Agnus Dei) which have specific liturgical functions; and the 'Propers' (whose text changes week by week according to the liturgical season – Introit, Gradual, Alleluia/Tract, Offertory, Communion). It's the Propers which historically covered the movement of procession, priests, acolytes and congregation.

Propers are traditionally composed of psalm verses. The Introit is sung during the entrance of the procession and preparation of the altar; the Alleluia is sung while the Gospel is carried in procession for the reading; the Offertory covers the preparation of the altar, the placing of bread and wine on the altar, and the reception of offerings or alms; and the Communion verses cover the distribution of the Elements.

Historically (going back to the very earliest centuries of the Church) the Propers were all constructed from seasonally appropriate psalm verses, sometimes whole psalms, sung by clergy, deacons or choir with or without responsorial verses for the congregation, and sung to plainsong or plainchant. The functional nature of the Propers is laid bare by the fact that the Introit in ancient days was routinely cut short and diverted into a Gloria Patri when the Priest was ready to proceed! The only Proper that had no role in covering movement is the Gradual (from the Latin 'gradus', a step) which was sung from the altar or ambo steps after the Epistle.

In modern times, the place of the Propers has largely been supplanted by the use of congregational hymns, chosen for their appropriateness to the liturgical calendar for the day, though the Proper names remain. Recently, the choir has been singing plainsong Introids at the opening of the service, and the 'Introit hymn' starts after the Peace. In some churches (eg St Bride's in Hyndland, where I used to play) there is a full set of plainsong Propers in addition to their matching hymns.

Hymns and psalm verses are of course about much more than diverting the attention during the shuffling about – their specific roles and functions will be the subject of next month's musings.

Peter Christie

### *Saintly Saturday*

*Composed by Samantha Bryson*

*On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of January Saintly Saturdays was on. (In case you've forgotten it's an evening when Christians come and do fun games, cool activities and lots more!) Once a decent number of people arrived all the fun started... The theme was Burns night (and my birthday). First we sang some Scottish songs.*

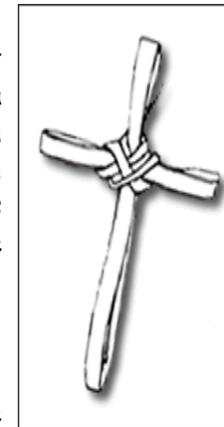
*Next we had a Scottish meal of haggis, neaps and tatties. For dessert we had two cakes as my family had brought one to share and Kirsten had a beautiful sponge cake! After we had eaten Gavin and I tried to teach some people "The Flying Scotsman". Peter, Dad and I provided some music and everyone went home happy.*

*THE END*

## Children's Corner - adults are allowed a peep!

### 1st March 2017 - Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday - What does it mean? The rector burns last year's palm crosses. The ashes are then used to mark a cross on the foreheads of those attending the church service as a symbol of death, and sorrow for sin. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It occurs forty days before Easter not counting Sundays. It's a day of penitence to clean the soul before the Lent fast.



### All Saints Sunday School

In Sunday School we are continuing our lessons on the Miracles of Jesus. Last month we learned about "the great catch of fish" and "Jesus heals a paralysed man". Next up is "the feeding of the five thousand".

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" Hebrews 11:1 NIV

### A contribution written by Alexander Roach



Recently in Sunday School we have been doing miracles of Jesus. So far we have Jesus turning water into wine and the first disciples. My favourite miracle is the loaves and the fishes.

Colour me in and show it to your Sunday School teacher



## Sunday School Dates

5 <sup>th</sup> March	Sunday School	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Holiday
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Sunday School	9 <sup>th</sup> April	Holiday
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Sunday School	16 <sup>th</sup> April	Holiday
26 <sup>th</sup> March	All Age Worship Mothering Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	All Age Worship



Happy Birthday to

Jude Beadsworth 6<sup>th</sup> March

Lauren Bryson 23<sup>rd</sup> March



### March Service Rota

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
<b>5 March</b> Lent 1	Mike Keen John Harrington	LHS: Hanan RHS: Catriona	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	John Sherwood	Celia Fisher	<b>Margery Pollock</b> May Campbell Margaret Dunn
<b>12 March</b> Lent 2	Philip Thompson A.N.Other	LHS: Graham RHS: Richard	Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-4,13-17 Matthew 17:1-9	Rob Smith	David Simmons	<b>Joyce James</b> Kate Ross Janet Stack
<b>19 March</b> Lent 3	Susan Gray Celia Fisher	LHS: Louise RHS: Susan	Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	Eric Horton	Christine Smith	<b>Pauline Waugh</b> Fiona Hempel Alex Stirling
<b>26 March</b> Laetare Sunday	Pauline Waugh Mary Stott	LHS: Mike RHS: Penny	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	TBC	TBC	<b>Gioia Whitmore</b> Elaine Perrett John Brookner

### April Magazine

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The magazine will be available on Sunday 26th March 2017

# March Services

*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

*Psalms 51:17*

Date	Services	
Ash Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	8am Lent Morning Prayer	11.30am Said Eucharist with imposition of ashes
	7pm	St Andrew's, Milngavie
	7.30pm	St Mary's Cathedral
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8am Lent Morning Prayer	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2pm World Day of Prayer	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Lent 1</b> <b>(Violet)</b>	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Lent Liturgy
Monday - Thursday	8am Lent Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am Said Eucharist	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Lent 2</b> <b>(Violet)</b>	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Lent Liturgy
Monday - Thursday	8am Lent Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am Said Eucharist	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Lent 3</b> <b>(Violet)</b>	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Lent Liturgy
Monday - Thursday	8am Lent Morning Prayer	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Laetare Sunday</b> <b>(Rose)</b>	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Mothering Sunday Liturgy
Monday - Thursday	8am Morning Prayer	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Coffee, Cake and Communion	