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Cover picture St Margaret's Chapel, Edinburgh Castle.
The Church remembers St Margaret on November 16th

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Apparently Autumn is upon us. I say apparently as while the calendar and stars tell us we have reached that time of the year nature seems to be somewhat unsure. I write this as I am about to go on my October break a week later than usual, however there is more green than orange, yellow and red to still be seen, and more leaves still on the trees than on the ground, and while the berries have been plentiful and are giving colour to the garden there are also still lots of flowers vying for attention. There has yet to be one of those mornings when the frost crisps up leaves and condenses ones breath, yet it is autumn. The nights are fair drawing in and soon the clocks will change to try and compensate for the darkening days, but before long any benefit from our tinkering with time will be lost.

As the darkness deepens and our year draws to its end with Remembrances, first with All Souls then with Remembrance Sunday we also remember that our hope is not in darkness but in light, the shining Light of Christ.

This has been a dark year, not because of the sun's seeming reluctance to burst through the clouds, but because of the fear and hatred that is encircling the world. Jesus urges us not to be afraid, to be as lamps on a lamp stand to give light and be seen. To be people of hope not despair, of love not judgement, to do good even when there seems to be no good around. Or in the words from one of John Wesley's sermons: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as often as ever you can."

Blessings, Kirstin

PRIMUS ADDRESSES THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION Primates' Meeting on Scottish Episcopal Church's decision to change its Canon on Marriage

At the Primates' Meeting today, the Most Rev Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church was asked to explain the process undertaken by the Scottish Episcopal Church in its move towards an adjustment of its Canon on Marriage to enable those who felt called to offer marriage to same gender couples the ability to do so.

He explained that the process had included much prayer, theological debate, open and, at times, very personal testimony and that opportunity had been provided for groups throughout the Church to discuss this matter and to pray

about it; this included the voice of the youth in the Church, the sharing of powerful words and stories from elderly members and hearing representation from those who hold a traditional understanding of marriage, those who see marriage as including same gender couples and those who have encountered exclusion in declaring their love.

The Primus also explained that the nature of decision reached by the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church, is such as to allow those of different views to continue to "walk together". It recognises that there are different understandings of marriage and that no member of clergy is compelled to conduct any marriage against their conscience. Only those clergy who wish to solemnise marriages of same gender couples will be nominated to the civil authorities for authorisation to do so.

The Most Rev Mark Strange, Bishop of Moray, Ross & Caithness and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church says:

"In June the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church voted to change its Canon on Marriage. This decision was ours to take as a self-governing province of the Anglican Communion.

However, I recognise that this decision is one that has caused some hurt and anger in parts of the Anglican Communion and that the decision taken at the last Primates' Meeting, which was to exclude our brothers and sisters in The Episcopal Church from debate on Doctrine and from Chairing Anglican Communion Committees, is a decision that now also pertains to us. We will continue to play our part in the Anglican Communion we helped to establish, and I will do all I can to rebuild relationships, but that will be done from the position our Church has now reached in accordance with its synodical processes and in the belief that Love means Love."

TO LIVE AGAIN

During Advent there will be an Advent course using the film 'It's a Wonderful Life' as our starting point. In preparation for that course the film will be shown on **Saturday 25th November** at 5pm followed by discussion over some food. We will meet on a further three occasions during Advent, dates and time of those events, will be decided by those present on the 25th. If you plan to come along on the 25th please let Kirstin know so we can ensure there is enough food.

A YEAR WITH MARK

Although the first evening spent getting to know Mark's Gospel a little better has already past it is not too late to come and join the happy throng in the next two evenings. On **9th November** we will be looking at one of the passages which appears in all 4 Gospels and what Mark's particular take on it is. While on 23rd November we will be looking at those passages from Mark's Gospel which aren't in the other Gospels. We begin at 7.30 in the choir vestry, please use the door round the back of the church, coffee from 7.15pm.

FESTIVAL OF STARS

As was in the magazine last month there will be a Festival of Stars around the Cross leading up to Christmas and workshops to make stars which will decorate the community will take place on the first three Saturday's in November 4th, 11th, 18th between 10am and noon. Please note these workshops will now be taking place at **New Kilpatrick**.



GLASGOW CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SCHEME

Christ the King falls on **Sunday 26th November** this year which is the day we collect gifts for the Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme to distribute. If you know you won't manage along to church on the 26th but would like to give a gift please bring it to church on any Sunday during November and it will be included with the other gifts on the 26th November. Thank you.



COFFEE CAKE AND COMMUNION

The November service will be the last one of this year and it falls on **30th November, St Andrew's Day**, therefore our cakes will have a Scottish flavour. The service begins at 2pm and we use the 1970 Scottish Liturgy (grey book).

NEW HYMN BOOKS

From November we will be using new hymn books. The books come in two volumes, Common Praise which will be using most weeks and Sing Praise. While all the versions of Sing Praise are the melody version there are three versions of Common Praise available for congregational use. As well as the standard words edition, there are some melody copies available and also large print copies. If you would like one of these rather than the standard words edition please ask one of the sides-persons on duty who can assist you.

DIOCESAN HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE UPDATE

So far 20 people have booked to go on the Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage 12-23 May 2018. There are just a few more spaces for anyone still wishing to join. For latest details of the programme, costs, grants and preparation please email the Revd Canon Cedric Blakey, the Pilgrimage Leader at viceprovost@thecathedral.org.uk

VESTRY NOTES – OCTOBER 9TH

- The Vestry met on 9 October 2017.
- Lou Melia joined the meeting to present her report as Vulnerable Persons contact for All Saints. Her work in this capacity was up to date but she regretted that when the Church had found a replacement, she would have to step down. Lou was thanked by the Vestry for performing this role over the recent period.
- The boiler for the church is becoming somewhat unreliable, and the Vestry decided to seek quotations for a replacement, which would also have greater efficiency than the current one.
- The new Data Protection regulations had been considered by the Rector and she had drafted a possible form to be signed by all those who were content for their data to be held on the Church List. These regulations also had implications for the way internal Church communications would be organised in future. The Secretary would write a proposal for the new Vestry about these matters.
- The Lay Representative was not able to be present in person and sent a brief written report.
- The Treasurer presented the draft accounts for the financial year 2016-17 and answered questions about them. Despite paying for the repairs

recommended by the Quinquennial Report, the Church had made a modest surplus over the year. The Vestry accepted the accounts and the accompanying budget for 2017-8 for presentation to the AGM, and agreed that the Treasurer should take them to the Auditor for her to prepare the statutory report for OSCR.

- The Vestry confirmed its plans to improve the thermal insulation of All Saints, looking for a cleaner, greener church. The first stage in the improvements would be to put additional glazing units inside the existing windows to reduce heat loss by this route. In preparation for this improvement work, a “gift day” would be held, in combination with the AGM, to help with the costs of the work. An article giving the reasoning behind this initiative would be prepared to accompany the gift day.
- The next Vestry meeting would be held on Monday 13 November before the AGM on 19 November.

Andrew Long

VISIT TO ALL SAINTS BY DR LYN DOWDS 5TH NOVEMBER

Members will be aware of the long term relationship All Saints has had with the David Gordon Memorial Hospital at Livingstonia, Malawi. This was recently renewed by Christine and Rob Smith who visited Livingstonia to see the hospital and take gifts for the children’s ward there from the Sunday School. They were entertained on their visit by the resident expatriate Doctor, Lyn Dowds.



Lyn is currently in the UK and will be visiting All Saints on **Sunday 5 November**. She is spending the previous night on the Cowal, and catching a morning Dunoon Ferry. Unfortunately this will mean she will be unable to reach the Church in time for the start of the 10.30 a.m. service, which has necessitated a minor re-organisation of the schedule. The Rector will shorten the service to finish by around 11.30. At this point Lyn will give a short talk in Church and show some slides, describing her work and that of the Hospital. I have asked her to pitch her talk to the Sunday School children and adjust the

length accordingly, though I am sure she will also be prepared to answer questions from adult members of the congregation.

Lyn will also be attending **the Choral Evensong at 6.30 p.m** so that members who cannot attend in the morning, or stay for her talk then will have the opportunity to speak with her about her work, over light refreshments afterwards. We will probably show her slides again at this point.

Andrew Long

MUSIC NOTES

A reminder that our next ‘big’ choral event is Paternal Festival Choral Evensong **on 5th November at 6:30pm**, when we shall once again be joined by friends from other choirs.



Our choral celebration in the Christmas season this year will be an Epiphany Lessons & Carols service **on Sunday 7th January**, of which more anon.

A recent discovery - for those who have soldiered through my recent articles on the purpose of music in church, this article written 158 years ago expresses familiar thoughts! Henry Ward Beecher was the first pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn NY, and served from 1847 until his death in 1897. Plymouth is a Congregational Christian Church, established in Brooklyn Heights by transplanted New Englanders. Pastor Beecher was an ardent supporter of congregational singing; he and his brother Charles compiled the Plymouth Collection in 1855, the first hymnal to print words and music on the same page. Beecher wrote a lot about the organ, including this essay on ‘The Prelude’.

Peter Christie

THE PRELUDE - Henry Ward Beecher

What is the use of the opening prelude? Is it amusement — a musical luxury? When people enter the house of God upon the Sabbath, they come from care, from business, from secular pleasures and duties. And the two things needed at the beginning of public worship are, first, a transition from ordinary thought and feeling into a higher and more devout frame of mind; and, second, a unity of feeling, a fellowship in the whole assembly. Now, it is in the power of music to arrest the attention, to change the current of feeling, to draw off the thoughts from common things, and to give to the mind, if not a religious tone, yet a state higher than before, and from which the transition to worship will be easy and natural. Nothing will bring worshippers into a state

of feeling common to all sooner than proper organ music. This, then, is the object of the prelude. Upon entering the house of God, there is, as it were, a screen of sound rolled down between the audience and the outward world. Every susceptible nature is drawn out from sordid or sad thoughts, the careless are interested, and the attention of all is attracted to a common influence that is molding them gently to holy thoughts and feelings.

Of course, this object will determine the fitness of a prelude. It may be slow and soft; it may be grand and majestic; it may be persuasive and soothing; or it may be jubilant, as celebrating the incoming of Christ's Day! But the end to be gained is in the hearts of the audience, not in the ears of connoisseurs. That is good which gains the congregation to a preparation for worship, and only that is good.

No organist who knows the almost omnipotent power of association will greet the congregation with marches or opera airs, which take the thoughts right back to the world. No organist either, who has religious sensibility, will take such a time laboriously to perform intricate pieces that are, perhaps, masterpieces of skill, but which are about as fit for the church as Paradise Lost would be for a hymn. This organ prelude admits of as great a range of usefulness as any service of music in the church. And it is a thing to be studied and remedied. If organ playing is but organ diversion in church, if it is only gratifying the taste, the organ had better be silenced.

But if organists feel the power of the Sabbath day — if it lists its light upon them as the day that brought salvation to the world, and fills their soul with rejoicings and gratitude — they will be able upon so stately an instrument to pour forth strains that will win the congregation to sympathy with them.

Henry Ward Beecher, The Organ, New York Music Review and Gazette 10, no. 12 (June 11, 1859)

Peter Christie

CHRISTMAS STAMPS FOR THE SUDAN CHURCH

Please support this worthy cause by buying 2nd Class Stamps from me for Xmas. I would be grateful if I could have your orders by the latest mid-November - many thanks. My tel no is 942 5347

Jane Lewis

STANLEY CALLING



As most of you will have noticed, after twenty eight years in Bearsden the Smiths have defected to the East, and since the end of July have been ensconced in Stanley Mills, six miles north of Perth.

We have of course continued to head to the wild west on a number of occasions since then - to worship with you all in All Saints', attend the odd Vestry meeting and to

lead/mislead the church's representation on the expedition to Largs for the North West Region's visit to St Columba's and the Largs Labyrinth (not to mention the obligatory sampling of Nardini's ice cream.)

But as November approaches it is time to sever our formal links with you all and officially join the ranks of All Saints members far and wide (although with the beauty of the excellent webpages we will be able to keep abreast of what is happening at the "wee church at the Cross" wherever we may be.)

We do intend being with you during the first weekend of November to come along to the Coffee Afternoon which Celia is organising (we have already purchased our copy of the Ayoub Sisters' fantastic CD, but if you have not got a copy then the opportunity to do so is one reason why you really should not miss the event.)

We are also looking forward to seeing Dr Lyn Dowds when she comes the next day and hear news from the Livingstonia Mission Hospital which we were privileged to visit last year. Unfortunately we will miss the AGM as we are doing what retired folk do in getting away to the sun, on holiday in Cyprus – it's a hard life...

We look back on many happy years during which we were involved in various aspects of life at All Saints and made many good friends. Over the years we have both served our time (more than once, and both as Secretary at various times) on the Vestry, led House Groups, were members of the Social Group, and the original Family Service Group. Christine was on the Fund Raising Committee during the rebuilding of the Halls, a long standing member of the choir, not to mention starting E-Group which is still going strong. Rob chaired the "Towards the Second Century" Mission Audit which undertook a community and internal audit of our outreach to Bearsden and also led various Stewardship campaigns through the years.

Come the AGM, Rob steps down as the Lay Representative after six years. These have been eventful times of course what with being part of the Bishop's Group to work through the separation of All Saints' from St Andrew's, not to mention being on Diocesan (and recently General) Synod through the years of much debate on the change of the Canon on Solemnisation of Holy Matrimony. Christine also relinquishes her role as an ABC representative and also on the NWRC. We pass on our good wishes to those who take these roles on in the coming year.

Our intentions are still to move our main base to the Yorkshire Dales, but we will retain our Perthshire home whilst we are fit and able. So if any of you are ever in the area, do come and see us at Stanley Mills (and from April until the end of October visit the Historic Scotland part of the complex which is well worth a visit.) Phone in advance (on **01738-828157**) and we will be delighted to see you – and even provide a welcome cuppa or more...

With our prayers and good wishes, Rob and Christine Smith

WEDNESDAY LUNCH - 11TH OCTOBER



Our guest speaker at the Wednesday Lunch on 11th October was Mary Darke, who regaled us with a fascinating account of her dancing career.

It was illuminating to learn, not only of the many hazards and challenges of life as part of an itinerant dance troupe, but also

the privileges, such as the occasion of meeting Bronislava Nijinska, the sister of Vaslav Nijinsky and a famous dancer and choreographer in her own right.

After this entertaining introduction, Mary invited us to participate in some gentle, dance warm-up exercises – just the thing after a hearty Wednesday Lunch! Assuring us that she had lots more adventures to recount, Mary was enthusiastically encouraged to return and do just that!



Mike Graham

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Some of the Harvest flower arrangers.

A very happy morning with beautiful flowers and vegetables for the Harvest Festival.



And the Church looked beautiful as always for the Harvest Thanksgiving service, where the theme was on the production of a can of baked beans. There's more to it than meets the eye!



Harvest Thanksgiving Gifts to the Foodbank

Many thanks go to everyone who brought non-perishable food items to the Harvest Thanksgiving service held on 1st October.

The food items were donated to the local food bank and totalled 44 kgs when weighed on delivery.

This is a magnificent contribution - thank you very much. Louise Benson

WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

It's never too early to prepare for Christmas!

All Saints Church Lunch Group

Christmas Sale - 1 and 8 November

Hand made items include

Christmas Cards - Decorations - Gifts-Home Baking -Plants

Christmas Raffle prizes - tickets £1 each

Slater's Outfitters- £50 Voucher

Christmas Card Holder

Christmas Cake

Proceeds to Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme

CHRISTMAS FAIR TRADE

This year we are selling Christmas Cards sourced from the new Gavin's Mill Fair Trade shop in Milngavie. I hope to have cards from a few charities, so as to give plenty of variety of designs.

I've been impressed by the variety of Christmas and general cards, gifts, calendars, wooden toys and games and soft furnishings in stock, as well as food, so do please pay the shop a visit, and also try the café, when you're in Milngavie!

The first sale in church is on **29th October**, then we expect there will be 2 more, on **26th November and 3rd December**. We are as ever grateful for your support, as by buying these fairly traded products we are able to help people help themselves in the developing world.

Pauline Waugh

ALL SAINTS CREAM TEA NOVEMBER 4TH



EVERYONE WELCOME AT
ALL SAINTS CREAM TEA

PLUS BAKING STALL, RAFFLE AND THE AYOUB SISTERS'
CD AVAILABLE FOR SALE

SATURDAY NOV 4TH
3.00- 5.00PM

AT: ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, DRYMEN ROAD,
BEARSDEN (OPPOSITE M AND S)

ENTRY: £5.00 (INCLUDES TEA, SCONES AND CREAM)

Tickets are now available for the tea from Celia or at the back of the church.

There will be baking for sale, a raffle, and the chance to not only hear the Ayoub sisters' CD, but actually buy a copy!

Please try and bring a friend and make this a really fun afternoon.

Any offers of help with home baking to sell will be most welcome.

Celia

ALL SAINTS CHURCH AGM

Sunday 19th November after the 10.30 service

If you would like to serve All Saints on the Vestry, *or in any other way*, please see the Secretary, John Brooker, about the nomination procedure. A proposer and seconder will be needed to support each nomination. Your offer will be warmly welcomed.

MAXIE RICHARDS FOUNDATION

We were delighted to welcome Grace Martin who visited All Saints on October 22nd. She gave the congregation an update on Kings Court, Tighnabruich and has sent this report for the magazine.

The Kings Court - The residential rehabilitation for homeless men recovering from drug and alcohol addiction, founded by Maxie and located on Argyll's Secret Coast, continues the work that Maxie pioneered from her home.



John with Maxie last year

Today, we give thanks to God for the way she has inspired, encouraged and supported so many people through her love for Jesus and her love for some of the most disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalised members of society.



Paul re-enacting a Gospel story

The Kings Court is managed by Patrick White who heads up a team of three full-time staff and one part-time member of staff. The team follow the example that Maxie gave and their knowledge and expertise along with their compassion and faith, now make the project the success that it is. There is currently a 77% success rate ie still clean at least one year after leaving the project.

- ✓ John says, "She was a diamond with a heart of gold".
- ✓ Paul remembers, "Maxie, for myself, was my last chance when everybody else had given up. The same is true for many others. Maxie looked at people's potential and wanted and helped them to live it".
- ✓ Patrick White (The Kings Court Project Manager) writes, "Literally hundreds of addicts have come through Maxie's house over the years and I have been blessed by witnessing and being part of miracle after miracle as people recover from addiction. Thank you, Maxie, for giving me a life beyond my wildest dreams".

The Government prefer to fund Methadone treatments despite this being less effective and so the Maxie Richards Foundation depends on the contributions

of the local community. We are so grateful for the way people respond to the needs through prayer, friendship, practical help and financial support. All are equally valuable and valued. This year there are plans to convert The Kings Court to accommodate 7 men at a time. It is an ambitious project but necessary to help it to become more financially sustainable. The house will also need to be refurbished to comply with building regulations.

In 2015, the Maxie Richards Foundation was threatened with closure due to a lack of funds. It continues to operate through faith, hope and love. The Board now consists of 5 members chaired by the Rev David Mitchell, the local Church of Scotland Minister.

Last year the Maxie Richards Foundation's total expenditure was £125,687 and total income was £117,541. 83% of the income was provided through housing benefits, 15% through individual donations and 2% through fundraising activities.

It is a relatively small shortfall compared to previous years and one we hope to address through fundraising and an increase in the number of people who can give each month.

If you would like more information about the Maxie Richards Foundation, please contact Ann Wheatley.



Ben Nevis 2014

THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION

The AGM and Lecture for the Glasgow Churches Together is **on Monday 30th October** and is in the Church of Christ the King Church Hall, 220 Carmunnock Road, G44 5AP.



Main Speaker

Revd. Dr. Charlotte Methuen

Lecturer in Church History at the University of Glasgow and an Associate Member of the Faculty of Theology at the University of Oxford.

Lecture

Church History and Lutheran Reformation

The AGM begins at **6:30pm** and will be a brief business meeting, followed at 7pm by worship and a lecture by Dr Charlotte Methuen on the subject of the Lutheran Reformation to commemorate its 500th anniversary. This will be followed by a light supper and the opportunity to chat with others and the speaker.

The AGM and Lecture are entirely separate, there is no need to attend the AGM in order to attend the Lecture.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

5 November Sunday School	3 December Sunday School
12 November Sunday School	10 December Sunday School
19 November Sunday School	17 December Sunday School
26 November All age worship	24 December All age worship

Don't forget to bring Christmas presents for the Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme to the service on **November 26th**

Due to half-term there is no Children's Corner this month, but here is a challenge for maybe the older children - and their parents.

When is St Margaret celebrated in our church?
In which country was she Queen?
When did she die?
Where is St Margaret's Chapel?
Why did she become a Saint?



Hint: the front cover of the magazine will help

November Service Rota

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
5 November All Saints	Janet Stack David Wheatley	LHS: Hanan RHS: Richard	Revelation 7:9-17 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	Gillian Kingslake	David Hamblen	Jane Lewis Ann Wheatley Brenda Hadcroft
12 November Remembrance Sunday	John Brooker Andrew Long	LHS: Graham RHS: Susan	John 6:37-40 (Gospel reading only)	Bryan Stack	Celia Fisher	May Campbell Margaret Dunn Margery Pollock
19 November Pentecost 23	Anne Shirlaw Andrew Long	LHS: Louise RHS: Andrew	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	Richard Kingslake	Andrew Long	Kate Ross Janet Stack Joyce James
26 November Christ the King	Richard Kingslake Graham Bryson	LHS: John RHS: TBA	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46	TBA	TBA	Fiona Hempel Alex Stirling Pauline Waugh

DECEMBER AND JANUARY MAGAZINE

Please send all articles for the December/January magazine to Janet Stack janet.stack@btinternet.com by Sunday 19th November 2017.

November Services

*God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.
John 4:24*

Date	Services	
Wednesday 1st All Saints	11.30am Said Eucharist	
Thursday 2nd All Souls	7pm Said Eucharist for All Souls	
5th November All Saints (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	All Saints Liturgy
	6.30pm Evensong	
Monday 6th	6pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 8th	No Eucharist	
12th November Remembrance Sunday (Green)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	Community Remembrance at the Cross 10:45 followed by Sung Eucharist	
Monday 13th	6pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 15th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
19th November Pentecost 18 (Green)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Monday 20th	No Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 22nd	No Eucharist	
26th November Christ the King (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Monday 27th	6pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 29th	No Eucharist	
Thursday 30th St Andrew	2pm Coffee, Cake and Communion	