

# October 2017 Magazine



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Cover picture – mural of Christ blessing the olive harvest, Sforza Castle, Milan

Dear Friends,

During the Stewardship campaign this September we were focussing on our Christian life. Using as the basis for the month the same Gospel reading Matthew 16:21-28, along with readings from Philippians when Paul tells us of Jesus emptying himself and the wonderful passage from Corinthians about the importance of love and its companions: faith and hope. Our Christian life should be one of receiving from God and then going and sharing those blessings and that love with all those we meet.

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September the congregation had the opportunity to take a Kenotic Bowl to illustrate this part of our faith, but what, you may ask is a Kenotic Bowl? The book *'The Chinese Christology of T C Chao'* by Yongtao Chen, tells how Christianity in China had been influenced by Western ideas and ideals brought by Western missionaries; no surprise, really, once you think about it.

As early as 1582, the Jesuit Matteo Ricci tried to convert the emperor and the upper classes by presenting Christianity through traditional Chinese learning, with the hopes that they in turn would win over the common people. While Ricci was unsuccessful, (the Chinese were more interested in the clocks than they were God), this approach was to return as the 20<sup>th</sup> century arrived and all western ideas and culture was frowned upon. T C Chao was one of the leading Christian theologians of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and during the Anti-Christian movement of the 1920's he urged Christians in China to de-westernise Christianity. Chao wasn't alone. Jingxiong, another theologian of the period, argued that a Western view of Christianity could not meet the needs of Chinese people. China, they said needed to look at Christ through Chinese thought and culture, and so Dao Christology, a Chinese theology, came into being. Yongtao Chen writes: "The purpose of a Chinese Dao Christology is not innovation, but the development of a relevant understanding of Jesus Christ in the Chinese context. Therefore, the task of constructing a Dao Christology is a matter not on innovation, but of interpretation, a process of hermeneutics that really matters." *The Chinese Christology of TC Chao by Yongtao Chen p332.*

One of the three metaphors that Yongtao Chen goes on to advocate in his book is that of an empty bowl linking Christ's incarnation to the Chinese concept of Dao. Dao, sometimes referred to as *The Way*, is understood as a philosophy for living in harmony with the world. There is no beginning and no end, it can be empty, it can also contain all things. It is open to the outside and so can become a vessel for anything, be it humble or grand, the same vessel is used. Its nature

is humility giving to all and containing all, being more like a servant than a lord. Lao Tze, in describing Dao and his understanding of God wrote:

...which in being used can never be filled up.  
Fathomless, it seems to be the origins of all things.  
it blunts all sharp edges,  
it unites all tangles,  
it harmonizes all lights,  
it unites the world into one whole.

Having received their empty bowl the congregation were then invited to fill their empty bowl with doves representing God's blessings which were placed around the church, each bowl represented a different aspect of worship.

**Love:** Throughout the service we experience and are reminded of God's great love for us, especially in sending Jesus Christ to die for us and set us free to live new lives following Him.

In receiving God's love we are then commissioned to take that love and spread it to all those we meet in the week ahead.

**Proclamation:** The Creed, our participation in worship, the Breaking of the Bread, the response to the Thanksgiving and Dismissal, all Amens. Declaring God's rule over our lives, that Jesus is Lord in and outside these walls.

God's Word In the Readings, the sermon, throughout the liturgy there are echoes and direct quotations from Scripture.

Continue reading, learning and inwardly digesting the scriptures through the week. Putting into practice that which we have learnt:

**Thanksgiving:** The Amen response to receiving communion, the Thanksgiving at the end of Communion, The Peace, The Offertory Sentences, our personal Offering.

We have so much to be thankful for we should live thankful lives and share the good things we have.

**Reassurance:** In the Confession and Absolution, Lord's Prayer, and the Blessing, parts of the Eucharist Prayer.

Knowing that we are forgiven we know God is merciful and should try and live as Christ did. Forgiving others as we ourselves have been forgiven.

**Communion:** Receiving the Bread and Wine of Communion or a Blessing. Having been united with Christ in His body and blood, having received God's Blessing, we take that out into the world. Being Christ's hands and feet, eyes and ears, love and peace.

**Prayer:** Our personal prayers before the service and our corporate prayer in the intercessions, the Collect, the Lord's Prayer, and the corporate sections of the Eucharistic Prayer.

Praying in all circumstances and at all times, offering to pray for and with others.

**Praise:** Hymns, the Gloria, the Sanctus and Benedictus, the Communion Song (*Agnus Dei*), the Choir Anthem, the Organ voluntaries. The Amen at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

Knowing that God will be with us in the week ahead. That we can praise God at any time and in any place.

While we can be filled at church on a Sunday, we can also refill ourselves during the week, through reading our Bibles, praying, attending other services, listening or singing hymns, etc. John Duncan had, the previous week, cautioned us against filling ourselves with earthly things, things which can weigh us down and leave less room for God. However, while we seek those things which can fill us we are not meant then to hoard those blessings, rather we are called to share them. So the congregation were then encouraged to pass those doves on in the week ahead.

If you weren't in Church on the 17<sup>th</sup> September and would like your own bowl then please speak to Kirstin.

As Jesus exhorted Peter, in the Gospel reading we were using throughout September, we need to keep our minds of the things of God, we need to daily deny ourselves if we are to be followers of Christ, for that is the only way to serve God and in the long run save our lives.

Blessings  
Kirstin

## Festival of Stars

You may remember the Bearsden Festival had to be cancelled earlier this year due to it proving too popular and in danger of becoming a far too big an event. Instead we have decided that during December we are going to be holding a festival of stars. We are still in the early planning stage but one of the things we

will be needing is lots of different kinds of stars, therefore on Saturday mornings during November there will be a series of workshops when we will be making stars. From 10 a.m. till noon on 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of November we are looking for anyone to join in making stars. All the materials will be provided, however if you have any ideas of your own please bring them along. You don't need to be able to come every week, nor have any particular talent or ability, just a willingness to join in the fun and help create a star filled community on the lead up to Christmas.

## Diocesan Advent Quiet Day

(coming SOONER than you think!)

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 – 10:00 for 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

AT

**Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley**, led by Bishop Gregor Duncan

AND AT

**St Ninian's, Castle Douglas**, led by Bishop Gordon Mursell

Participants are asked to bring their own lunch, but tea and coffee will be provided from 10:00 a.m.

Please apply to Jennifer FitzGibbon (secretary), Development Team for Prayer and Spirituality, e-mail: j2fg@aol.com; phone: 01294823992, before 24<sup>th</sup> November if possible, or write to the Diocesan Centre (mark envelope 'Advent Quiet Day')

## Rev Tim Tunley

Tim is the Chaplain of Scottish Ports for the Missions to Seafarers and came along to All Saints to mark Sea Sunday back in July. At that time he mentioned that he was hoping to be part of the team in the Mediterranean taking care of refugees. Things have moved on since then and instead he is now heading to Bangladesh. Please remember him in your prayers and those people he will be helping. Tim will be trying to send updates, however as he currently has no idea as to what conditions he will be going into, and whether there will be any means of communicating other than official channels.

## Holiday

The Rector will be on holiday from 20<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October inclusive. John Brooker should be contacted in the first instance should there be any emergency or Pastoral need.

## The Year of Mark

The Lectionary which dictates the readings during the year runs on a three year cycle for the past year we have been following Matthew's Gospel. On Advent Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, we move to Mark's Gospel. In preparation for journeying through Mark, once more there will be a series of Thursday evenings looking at the Gospel as a whole. While throughout the year you will get to hear much of Mark's Gospel, this is an opportunity to look at the Gospel as a whole, not the individual stories so much as an overview of the whole Gospel.

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and can easily be read in one sitting – which I would urge you to do whether or not you come along to these evenings. They will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November ready for the new year on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. they will each last around 1 hour and will be held in the Choir Vestry.

## Vestry Notes – September 11<sup>th</sup>

- The Vestry met on 11 September 2017.
- The Rector reported that, following the discussions in July, she had submitted her application to the Bishop to be allowed to perform same sex-marriages, and had received a letter from the Registrar General giving her permission to do so.
- Doctor Lyn Dowds, currently the doctor at the Livingstonia Hospital, Malawi, would be visiting All Saints on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> and would be telling us about her work. Arrangements are currently being finalised.
- The Vestry noted that enthusiasm for Mission Action Planning both among its number and in the wider congregation was not widely felt. It decided that after the September talks on Stewardship, it would postpone further steps towards MAPping until Canon Audrey O'Brian Stewart returned from Maternity leave.
- The Lay Representative reported that the NW Region visit to Largs to look at the labyrinth at St Columba's had been much enjoyed and valued by those who attended, including six or so All Saints members.
- The Treasurer reported that the financial picture was healthy and that we were likely to be in surplus in 2016-17. In the light of this he was happy that Mission Support payments be made at the beginning of the next financial year. The Vestry approved payments totalling £6000 and asked that the Mission Support Committee organise these.

- The Rector said that over the years, considerable reservations had been expressed by many, including herself and Peter Christie, about the current main hymn book, *Hymns for Today's Church*. She proposed that the Vestry sanction the purchase of a new hymn book, *Common Praise*, to supplement our current provision, using money from the Choir Fund. The Vestry agreed to this.
- The Vestry noted several recent concerns about inadequacies and failures of communication within our Church. It decided that it should hold an in-depth discussion about these issues, when the new Vestry had been elected at the AGM.
- The next Vestry meeting would be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Andrew Long

## Church Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November after the 10:30 a.m. service.

John Brooker

## North West Regional Outing to the Largs Labyrinth –



At the May meeting of the NWRC, Christine and I had keenly supported the proposal that it was time for another Regional Outing, similar to the one to Luss a couple of years ago which was enjoyed by members from across the Region, including the Simmons Family from All Saints. And so at the end of August we were pleased to be journeying back across from The Mills to worship in All Saints' again for the first time since absconding from Bearsden; then, after coffee and a blether in the Halls, sorting out which cars we were taking to transport the six of us (Celia Fisher, Brenda Hadcroft, Charles Harris and Christine Hermann) to boldly go to Largs and its Labyrinth. Brenda opted to follow me, although I fear I had lost her by the Canniesburn Roundabout in the sea of black cars I could see in my mirror, and she was equally challenged by the plethora of red vehicles in front of her. The confusion continued in Largs itself – some





Victorian wheeze no doubt to dedicate both the Episcopal and Church of Scotland buildings to St Columba. Anyway eventually we all arrived and munched our picnic lunches and scoffed the cakes members of the congregation offered us along with cups of tea and coffee. Afterwards the Revd Canon Gordon Fyfe treated the twenty six visitors, from five of the Region's eight charges, to a most informative talk on Labyrinths and the various forms they have taken within Christian communities, including within the floors of a number of European cathedrals. He pointed out that labyrinths differ from mazes in that they lead those who enter to find themselves rather than being designed to get one lost, as in the case of mazes.

The Largs Labyrinth was planned and built as part of St Columba's MAP to offer a sacred space for the people of Largs and visitors to the town, where all are welcome to journey and reflect as they spiral towards the centre and back again. It has generated much local interest, including coverage in the local papers, and has proved an excellent outreach to the community since it was dedicated by Bishop Gregor earlier this year. We all had the opportunity to walk the Labyrinth for ourselves which proved very uplifting. There was then time to enjoy a wander onto the promenade (and ice creams from Nardini's) before joining in a service of Evening Prayer within the fine church itself. All agreed that spending time with others from across the Region had made for a very enjoyable time of fellowship. One hopes there will be a similar occasion next year.

*Rob Smith*

## Wednesday Lunch Group

The Wednesday lunches start their new season on September 20<sup>th</sup>. We welcome old and new participants to the Glenburn hall 12 noon till 2-ish. The usual menu of soup, made on the premises, fresh filled rolls and the ever popular home baking.

We have an interesting and stimulating programme planned.

Speakers, chat days, craft sales and celebrations for the festivals.

If you would like to join our team of hard working helpers, you would be made most welcome. Can you butter bread, wash dishes, launder table cloths or make soup? Volunteer if you can. We do have a lot of fun.

We have enjoyed keeping in touch over the summer months with our trip for lunch to Ross Priory and one or two informal teas in the garden. We have many happy happenings planned.

Dates for your diary: Mary Darke will be our first speaker on October 11<sup>th</sup> speaking on her years in dancing.

November sees our craft sales and celebration of St Andrew's day. In December we will be celebrating Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesdays.

*The Wednesday lunch team*

## A Busy Summer for the Simmons Family!

Whilst I have spoken to a number of church members about recent developments in our family, I thought it might be nice to update you on what has happened with Ellen and Edward Simmons over the past 12 months or so.

As many of you will know, Ellen has been studying Biomedical Engineering at the University of Glasgow for the past five years. She has also managed to fit in six months studying at the National University of Singapore (see our previous magazine article about our Easter Day in Singapore in 2014) and six months at University College Dublin, where she completed her Masters project. Anyhow, Ellen finally graduated this summer and was very happy to get a 1<sup>st</sup>-class M.Eng. degree. Ellen was also awarded the Glasgow University Engineering Society (GUES) Medal, which is given to a "First Class Honours Engineering graduate considered most likely to



**The Simmons family just after Ellen's graduation ceremony in June**

*make a notable contribution to the engineering profession and to the well-being of their country."* The award recognised Ellen's work as the founder of "FemEng", a network for the support and encouragement of women studying engineering at the University of Glasgow, President of the GUES and project manager of the "FemEng in Rwanda" project, which has taken a team of Female Engineering students to Rwanda for the last two summers, with the aim of encouraging young Rwandans to study Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical (STEM) subjects at University. More information on all of these activities can be found on the web – ask me for the relevant URL's.

Ellen has now moved to Cambridge, where she has just started work for the company *Cambridge Consultants*, in their Medical Technology Division. She is very happy to be working as a genuine biomedical engineer!

Although Edward is also studying (in the second year of the “Transitions” programme at City of Glasgow College), his most notable achievements this year have been in the different sphere of sport. For a while now, Edward has been a member of the Red Star Athletics Club, based in the East End of Glasgow. This club has a tradition of success in disability sport competitions. Edward favours middle distance events and now competes regularly at 400, 800 and 1500 m. Scottish Disability Sport runs a number of events over the summer, based around clubs like Red Star (we have enjoyed trips to Grangemouth, the home of



**Edward receiving his gold medal for the 800 m in Sheffield this August**

“Forth Valley Flyers” and Perth, where “Perth and Strathtay Harriers” are based). Edward has won several medals at these events ... so many that we are struggling to find a place to keep them! However, the highlight of the summer was our trip to the Special Olympics (GB) in Sheffield in August. This was a massive event, with thousands of athletes competing in 21 different sports. Athletes compete for their “region”, with ours being “Scotland West”, and the biggest team apart from the Yorkshire-based hosts. Edward won gold in the 400m and 800m, together with a silver in the 1500m. A large group of family and friends supported him, and the opening ceremony in Bramall Lane (Sheffield United’s football ground) was an amazing night.

Edward is also a member of the “Tennis Aces”, a local club for young people with disabilities run by the inspirational Allwyn Crawford. He has recently completed a course to be a Tennis young leader and hopes to go on to help out with coaching youngsters in tennis in the future.

As for the rest of us, we enjoyed a fun trip to the Glastonbury Festival in June and I have recently started a twitter account which highlights my research on sensory perception and autism. Follow me on @DrDavidRSimmons

Finally, a big thankyou for all the love and support that you have shown our family over the 20-odd years since we starting coming to All Saints Bearsden.

## Scripture Cake

On one wet Sunday afternoon during the summer holidays Samantha wanted to do some baking. We looked through some old recipe books that I had picked up from my mother’s house. In a small pamphlet issued by the Skelmorlie Foundation Group, a Church of Scotland organisation that provided support for families and troubled youngsters, we found this recipe which may interest members of the congregation, or at least give you an intellectual challenge!

Measurements are decidedly non-metric.

- 4½ Cupfuls of 1 Kings 4:22
- 1½ Cupfuls of Judges 5:25
- 2 Cupfuls of Jeremiah 6:20
- 2 Cupfuls of 1 Samuel 30:12
- 2 Cupfuls of Nahum 3:12
- 1 Cupful of Numbers 17:8
- 2 Tablespoons 1 Samuel 14:25
- 6 Articles Jeremiah 17:11
- 1 Pinch of Leviticus 2:13
- 2 Teaspoons Amos 4:5

Season to taste with 2 Chronicles 9:9. Mix the ingredients and follow Solomon’s advice for making a good boy (see Proverbs 23:14). Bake in a moderate oven for 2 hours.

Samantha and I think this will be a very tasty, if somewhat indulgent, cake. If anyone does make it please let us know how it turns out!

*Graham Bryson*

## Fair Trade Centre at Gavin’s Mill

Gavin's Mill, the new Fair Trade centre in Milngavie that has taken over from the Coach House at Balmore, has now been open for 6 months. The whole project is run by volunteers, without whom Gavin's Mill would not survive and we are deeply appreciative of their support. However, we are always seeking additional volunteers, so if you would like to help please email: [volunteer@gavinsmill.org](mailto:volunteer@gavinsmill.org) or phone Margaret Morrison on 07946 807370 or 0141 942 8189. Shifts run from 9:30 – 1:00 and 1:00 – 4:30 and even one shift a week or a fortnight would help. It's a friendly place, providing a link to others less fortunate than us. You would be well 'trained up' and would work under a full time manager. Please consider helping us!

## Children's Corner

### Harvest Season

"Ask the Lord of the Harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." **Matthew 9:38**



### Harvest Fruit & Vegetables Search

SEARCH THE PUZZLE TO FIND AND CIRCLE THE WORDS IN THE WORD LIST. WORDS IN THIS PUZZLE ARE HIDDEN ACROSS AND DOWN.



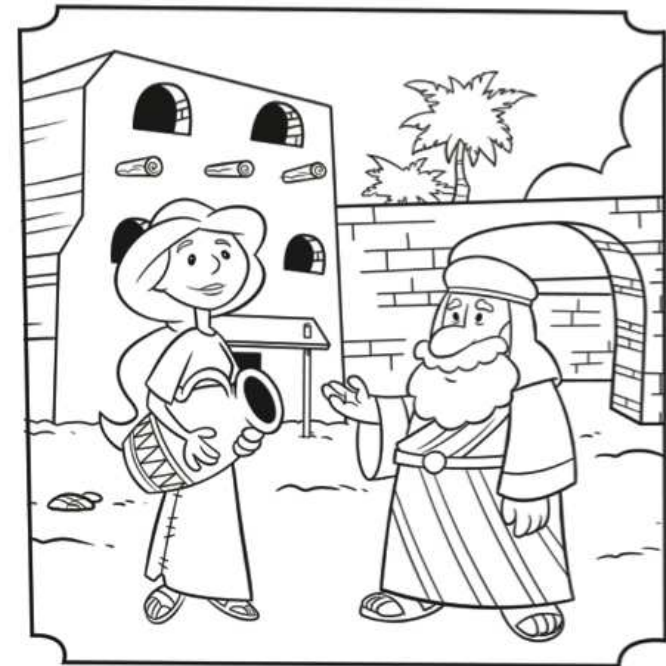
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## All Saints Sunday School

This term in Sunday School we have been learning about "helpers" in the Bible. So far we have discussed Jethro, Abigail and Mordecai.



A Jew named Mordecai worked in the palace of King Xerxes. When Xerxes was looking for a new queen, he chose Mordecai's cousin Esther. - **Esther 2**

### Upcoming Dates for the diary

1 <sup>st</sup> October	All age worship	19 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday School
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday school	26 <sup>th</sup> November	All age worship
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Half-term Holiday	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Sunday School
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Half-term Holiday	10 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday School
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday School	17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas party for Sunday school and crèche
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday School	24 <sup>th</sup> December	All age worship
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday School	31 <sup>st</sup> December	Holiday

### October Service Rota

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in <b>bold</b> to bring milk
<b>1<sup>st</sup> October Harvest</b>	Mike Keen John Harrington	LHS: Hanan RHS: Andrew	2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Luke 17:11-19	tbc	tbc	<b>Margaret Dunn</b> Margery Pollock May Campbell
<b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Philip Thompson Simon Lewis	LHS: John RHS: Penny	Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	Mike Graham	David Simmons	<b>Janet Stack</b> Joyce James Kate Ross
<b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Susan Gray Celia Fisher	LHS: Louise RHS: Rob or Christine	Isaiah 25:1-9 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Gill Hamblen	Mike Graham	<b>Alex Stirling</b> Pauline Waugh Fiona Hempel
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Pauline Waugh Mary Stott	LHS: Graham RHS: Celia	Isaiah 45:1-7 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	John Harrington	John Duncan	<b>John Brooker</b> Gioia Whitmore Elaine Perret
<b>29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Mairi Ross David Hamblen	LHS: Mike RHS: Catriona	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46	Mary Darke	Louise Benson	<b>Barbara Thompson</b> Gillian Kingslake Sheena MacDonald

#### November Magazine

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# October Services

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

Date	Services	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> October Harvest (Green)</b>	9 a.m. Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 a.m. Said Eucharist	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> October Pentecost 21 (Green)</b>	9 a.m. Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	6pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	No Eucharist	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> October Pentecost 22 (Green)</b>	9 a.m. Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6pm Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 a.m. Said Eucharist	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October Pentecost 23 (Green)</b>	No 9 a.m. Eucharist	
	10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist	Reserved Liturgy
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	No Service	
<b>29<sup>th</sup> October Pentecost 24 (Green)</b>	9 a.m. Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>11.30 a.m. Eucharist for All Saints</b>	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>7 p.m. Eucharist for All Souls</b>	