

April 2018 Magazine

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From the Rector

Dear Friends,

'Alleluia, Christ is Risen!' Such has been the cry of priests for thousands of years. And for thousands of years 'He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!': has been the reply of the Christian faithful. These two short phrases are more than a proclamation, they speak about our faith; they declare the joy and hope that have been born out of the pain and death of The Cross. But how do we live that joy and hope in our faith in the days that follow in this season of Easter and in the days that follow after that?

There will be days when we don't feel much like rejoicing, days when all hope seems lost, yet we are Resurrection People. Of course these new beginnings happen in so many areas of life, a significant birthday, the birth of a child, a wedding, a brave step towards a life defining decision. There may be parties, celebrations, that mark the event, but soon they end and the life goes on in its new state.

The disciples have heard the resurrection news, but have returned to their old lives. Jesus lights a fire on the beach and awaits for them to return from their early morning fishing trip. They have left Jerusalem, the city he told them to wait in for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and returned to the safety of what they knew. Maybe it was their heavy hearts still weighed with grief that meant they didn't fish with their usual knowledge and vigour. Whatever the reason they caught nothing. It must have really felt as if the world was falling apart. They had left their nets 3 years ago to follow Jesus. Jesus who had taught and shown them miraculous things, who had been arrested and died, and then beyond all believing and understanding has just told the disciples to cast their nets on the right side, and is now waiting for them to gather the fish. He is relaxed, but actively watching his students.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia! You could be reading this before Easter 2018 has been celebrated, however even during Holy Week we are still Resurrection people. Take a moment to think what does it mean in your life today, in your joys and in your struggles. He is risen, what does that mean to you right now as you read this? For me it means that I am never alone, a dead Jesus can't sit on the beach, or anywhere else, and prepare sustenance for me, Jesus now can always be there, in my daily life, doing the everyday things.

Living our life in the light of the risen Christ, a Christ centred, Christ filled Spirit empowered life. A life that changes our priorities and perspectives and that demands a day by day moment by moment laying down of our smaller selves

because we are in truth connected and somehow in tune with more. In tune with Christ on that beach, waiting and watching ready to sustain us not just at the altar in a church but in our everyday lives, in our homes and workplaces, our schools and shops, whatever we do and wherever we go.

Blessings
Kirstin

There is an Easter message from Bishop Gregor at the end of this magazine.

Diocesan Synod

The Diocesan Synod was postponed because of the snow and will now take place on May 12th.

Holiday

Kirstin will be on holiday from 22nd April until 5th May. The Revd Paul Watson, Rector of St James the Less, Bishopbriggs should be contacted in the first instance should there be a pastoral emergency, his phone number is: 0141 585 5845

Holy Week Services

The Association of Bearsden Churches has decided due to the falling attendance at the Holy Week services, to have a different pattern this year.

Monday – 7.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Andrew's RC Church

Wednesday – 11.30am at Westerton Parish Church followed by lunch

Good Friday – 7.30pm at Baljaffray Parish Church

There are no ABC services on Tuesday or Thursday.

New Kilpatrick and All Saints will, however, continue to hold a joint service at 2pm for the whole week. The services will take place at All Saints on Monday to Thursday and at New Kilpatrick on Good Friday. We are also holding a joint service for Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm at All Saints. and a joint service of the Passion at New Kilpatrick on Sunday 25th at 6.30pm.

The evening service on **Sunday 8th April at 6.30pm at All Saints** will have readings and hymns to tell the story of Easter.

Vestry Notes – March 13 2018

- The Vestry met on 13 March 2018 with the Rector in the Chair.
- The new Church heating boiler was now working satisfactorily.
- New quotes had been obtained for replacing the door to the Rectory. The Vestry agreed to go ahead on the basis of a quotation from Anglian Home Improvements at a cost of about £2400, though it was noted that when detailed measurements were made prior to the work, this sum was likely to be slightly modified.
- The guidance from the Synod Office about changes which would need to be made in the light of the introduction of the new data protection legislation (the GDPR) was still a few weeks away, and discussion of necessary changes was postponed until this had arrived.
- Arrangements for the Frugal Lunch to be held on March 18 after the Sunday morning service were discussed.
- In a written report, the property convenor detailed the recent work which had been done on the estate.
- The Treasurer had nothing to report on the day, but noted that he would be preparing the second quarter summary in time for the next Vestry and that recent slightly worrying trends in our performance would then need to be addressed.
- The Rector reported that she had received a new framework for constructing an inventory of the holdings of the Church which would need to be implemented in the next few months.
- The next Vestry meeting would be held on Monday 7 May (no meeting in April).

Andrew Long

Bishop's Lenten Appeal

The Lent appeal this year is for Motor Neurone Disease Scotland in recognition of the late Diocesan Secretary, Chris Zochowski, who died from the condition. Lent boxes are at the back of the Church.

A Frugal Lunch

On Sunday 18th March was held in the church hall after the 10.30 service in aid of the Lenten Appeal. It was a delicious frugal lunch of some splendid bread and an assortment of cheese, provided by the vestry. In spite of the snow there was a merry gathering, including some very hungry children.

Many thanks to all those who helped.



News from your Lay Rep

Thank you very much for electing me as your Lay Representative. Rob Smith was very diligent in this position, so he will be a hard act to follow. However, I have been attending North-West Regional Council (NWRC) for the last few years in my capacity as Alternate Lay Rep and have also been a member of the Diocesan Council since 2014 (as the NWRC's lay representative), so at least I'm familiar with the work and commitments involved.

I was hoping to report in this month's magazine about my first Diocesan Synod as your Lay Representative. Unfortunately the Synod (which was due to happen on 3rd March) was postponed due to the snowy weather and will now happen on 12th May.

The last meeting of the North-West Regional Council was 7th February at St. Silas Church in the West End, which I reported on at February's vestry meeting. Most of the business at the meeting was my own Diocesan Council report. Salient points of interest are:

1. New appointments: We have a new Diocesan Secretary, John Mitchell, who is a member of St. Margaret's Renfrew. We also have a "Digital Missioner" for the Diocese, whose main role is to enable online outreach in the Diocese, both in terms of training and enabling people in the churches of the Diocese in effective online activity and also coordinating the digital communications (i.e. social media, websites, online newsletters) of the Diocese itself. His name is Petko Marinov.

2. Diocesan Finances: The Diocese is in a healthy financial state, with a “small” (£20k) deficit on the accounts from the last financial year offset considerably by a large growth in Diocesan assets of close to £0.5 million(!)

3. Diocesan Constitution: We are still awaiting a draft Diocesan Constitution. Apparently a new constitution is required to bring us into line with other Dioceses in the province. Key issues are how the Diocesan Council is elected and the precise role of Regional Councils. As with all charges, there is a tension between the obligations of the Diocese under charity law, and its role as an ecclesiastical body, and the constitution has to reflect this. There may need to be a second Diocesan Synod this year in order to approve the new Constitution.

4. Global Links: There is considerable interest in developing new links with other Dioceses world-wide to follow up our previous links with Gothenburg (Sweden), Kentucky (U.S.A.) and Malawi. The Diocese are looking for suggestions, especially if people already have links with particular places that could serve as a starting point. Do let me (or the Rector) know if you have any ideas that I can pass on.

5. Obtaining development grants: There was considerable discussion at NWRC about the fine details of obtaining grants for church development from the Diocese and/or Province. In particular, the balance between what the Diocese/Province can offer to churches in a relatively sound financial state (such as our own) compared to those with less “money in the bank” seems to be an issue, as is the timing of requests when there are time limits on quotations for building work. The NWRC secretary is planning to write to the Dean for some clearer guidance to prevent charges wasting time on grant applications that are doomed to failure.

6. News from the Region: It is always interesting to hear at NWRC about developments in other churches in the region. St. Michael’s Helensburgh is currently going through a vacancy but still seems to be thriving. The Rev. Kenny MacAuley of St. Augustine’s Dumbarton talked passionately about their missional work, centred around regularly feeding large numbers of people (including an impressively large Christmas dinner).

The **next meeting of NWRC** will be at our own church on **17th May** (just after the re-scheduled Diocesan Synod). *Do let me know* if there is anything you want me to bring forward either to the Diocese or the Regional Council in the meantime, if anything about this report is unclear, or if you want to know more about the inner workings of either body.

David Simmons

Mission Support Group

We have received thank you letters from two more of the charities we support: Glasgow City Mission (£400) and Water Aid.



THANK YOU

Dear Michael

Thank you very much indeed to All Saints Church and the Missions Giving Committee for your generous donation of £400.00 to our Christmas appeal. Your support is making this time of year better for people that are homeless or trapped in desperate situations.

You are making a difference in the lives of men such as Paul who first started coming to Glasgow City Mission when he was homeless and staying in a hostel. He says, “I came here to get used to being around people and make new friends.”

Paul enjoyed his Christmas dinner with us. “It was brilliant,” he says. “I was talking to lots of people.” As well as the social aspect of Glasgow City Mission, Paul also enjoys coming to the computing course and English and maths classes.

Thank you once again to everyone at All Saints Church for enabling us to provide the best Christmas dinner in Glasgow and meet with people such as Paul who feel isolated and connect them into our year-round services that seek to rebuild confidence and help people move forwards. Homelessness is certainly not something that only occurs at Christmas – we’re most grateful for your donation which helps to provide our lifeline services throughout the year.

Very best wishes for the new year on behalf of us all at Glasgow City Mission.

Yours in Christ,

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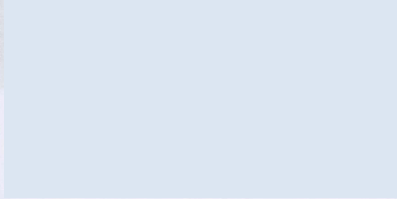






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19 January 2018

**The day you gave a gift, is the day you helped bring the big day closer.
The day when the whole world has clean water and a decent toilet.**

Dear Ms Stott,

How does it feel to be a life-saver?

Because this is exactly what you are. The £500.00 gift that you've given to WaterAid has helped bring clean, safe water to some of the poorest people around the world.

You've sparked huge cheers, boisterous celebrations and so much more.

It's the day you helped improve lives. Forever.

Clean, safe water and decent toilets really do change everything, and your gift has helped make it all happen. Thanks to you, women and children will no longer have to spend hours each day collecting water. Thanks to you, children can spend more time at school and look forward to a brighter future. Thanks to you, families can grow more food to feed themselves and sell to earn a living.


You've given the incredible gift of water. And life.

It's the day the people of Kaniche will never forget.

The village's grandparents, dads and mums faced the unthinkable. With no access to clean, safe water, their only choice was to give their children water full of bacteria. Water that constantly made them sick.

Then came the day that changed their lives. For good.

It was the day that WaterAid, working with our local partner in Malawi, installed a brand new water point in their village. The arrival of sparkling drops of clean, safe water was greeted by beaming smiles. With a healthier future ahead, it's easy to see why everybody was so delighted.



WaterAid/Kate Holt

opportunity to fulfil their own dreams. Your donation will help change the lives of this generation – through the gift of clean, safe water.

It's the day you played your part in bringing clean water to everyone everywhere.

Thanks to supporters just like you, over 25 million people have already celebrated the arrival of clean, safe water.

Every hour, we reach more than 210 people with clean, safe water. We're also installing new water points, toilets and washing facilities in 29 countries across the world. This vital work really does save lives, so we must keep going. Until we reach everyone everywhere.


Clean water brings pure joy to communities. I thought we should share this joy together so I've included with this letter a leaflet filled with pictures from the special day in Kaniche. I hope we get to celebrate many more days, just like theirs.

Together, we will reach the big day when everyone everywhere has clean, safe water. Here's to more life-changing days to come.


Best wishes,

Charley Day

Charley Day
WaterAid Welcome Team



WaterAid/Kate Holt



WaterAid/Craig Mackin

A message from our Episcopal friends in Drumchapel

Dear All

Many thanks to the All Saints Mission Support Group for their kind donation to the Friendship House Project in Drumchapel. You have never failed to support us.

The Friendship House Project is currently 'on hold' to allow a restructure and to find new members - we will update you as things progress

The congregation at Drumchapel is still going strong despite our limited numbers. We still have two Sundays a month with Episcopal Clergy which includes Bishop Gregor.

Yours in Christ,
Jean Kerr

Wednesday Lunch Group Talk by Roger Sturrock on Medicine and Ministry



On February 21st, the Wednesday Lunch group were delighted to host a very special speaker Roger Sturrock, resident of Bearsden for nearly forty years, sometime Professor of Rheumatology at Glasgow University, and after retirement from medicine ordained as non-stipendiary minister in the Church of Scotland and called to serve at Wellington Church.

Roger gave us a fascinating account of the close relationship between medicine and religious beliefs, starting from classical times, Asclepius, Hippocrates and Galen, and bringing us up to the present with his own experiences. He made a convincing case for there being a very strong connection between medical practice and faith, and spoke movingly of the work of Albert Schweitzer, musician and medical missionary, and of Martyn Lloyd-Jones, who had changed after medical training and two years as a practising doctor to be a minister and preacher and whom Roger had listened to when he was a medical student. Roger held us spell-bound for the duration of his talk; the common reaction afterwards was "I could have gone on listening to him for hours".

Roger was accompanied to the lunch by his wife Helen, his staunchest supporter over many years. It was a great pleasure and privilege to have been able to host them.

Andrew Long

More Wednesday Lunch News

As you heard in the February Magazine, Sheena, Jenny, Philip and Susan are 'retiring' from running the lunch group after an amazing 5 years of hard work. The plan is to continue as we feel it has become such an important function in the life of our congregation. However it will be a hard act to follow!

At the penultimate Wednesday of the current organisation the following tributes were given by All Saints members and others who attended :

"We are the ladies who lunch regularly at All Saints. All the ladies and men who plan and organise the lunch are friendly and make us feel most welcome. We will be sorry to see them go but would like to thank them for all the hard work they have done over the last five years. We really appreciate all the work they have done as well for charity. We wish you all the best for the future."

The Fiesty Four (Margaret, Alison, Louise and Betty)

"Our Wednesday lunch has been something we look forward to each week and have enjoyed very much. We thank everyone's hard work in preparing it."

May and Colin

"A big thank you to all who have made the Wednesday Lunch such an enjoyable affair, lovely food, nice chat and interesting speakers. Well done!"

Sheila Benson

"I am so grateful the Wednesday Lunch exists. It makes a break in the week when you can see people who become friends. Thank you to all for the hard work in organising it, especially to Sheena, Jenny, Philip and Susan."

Kathleen Campbell

Don't forget the special lunch **on Tuesday 24th April** at Ross Priory, cost £20. Please give your name to Jenny if you wish to come.

A Choir Party for Alex and Eric's Retirement

Saturday evening of the 11th March was a very happy time. A party in the home of Gill and David Hamblen organised by the members of the choir to thank Alex Stirling and Eric Horton for their long and valued membership. Unfortunately, both Peter Christie the organist and Susan Harrington the retired organist, were unable to attend due to illness but fortunately John Harrington who has directed the choir on a few occasions was fit and well so he thanked Alex and Eric on behalf of the choir and the congregation.

First John announced the reason for the

event as neither Alex nor Eric was told in advance. He mentioned that Alex had served some 40 years under George Farrow, Steve Birch, Susan Harrington and Peter Christie and Eric some 26 years starting in the time of Steve Birch. So between them they had served the church a full 65 years normally required before retirement.

John praised their commitment and dedication week by week as both Alex and Eric were two of the backbones of the choir during this long time. He said that



All Saints is indeed fortunate to have such a choir and that this tradition of choral music is an unbroken line of growth stretching back over many centuries resulting in a wonderful wealth of music for our worship.



He then presented a small gift to them from the choir members and Ann Caie presented flowers to their partners, Jean Stirling and John Brooker.

In reply, Alex said that he certainly loved his time and the opportunity to partake in this wonderful music making and Eric said that he still misses the choir week by week. Then followed the wonderful food all provided by the members showing the full extent of their gifts beyond the musical realm. A lovely evening of happy memories and stories of the choir over the years.

John and Susan Harrington



A photo from 1975 –who can you see
...with rather more hair?

A note from Alex

In 1973 when I joined the choir there were 11 boys and 5 men in it and George Farrow was the choirmaster and organist. I learned a lot from George who is fine musician. He instilled a love of choral music in me and my son Alasdair. The choir was affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music and that opened many doors to us of residential courses etc.

After George resigned in 1987 due to pressures of work and Harry Munro succeeded him, girls were now able to join the choir. Steve Birch followed Harry and the choir continued to flourish in the Diocesan music association etc. Then we had Susan to guide us through with the help of John from time to time and

what a joy that has been for me. She planned some lovely services which gave so many people such pleasure.

Age has caught up with me and although I can still sing I find it much easier being part of the congregation.

The party the choir hosted for me at the Hamblens was a delight and we along with Eric and John will enjoy the generous gift of a meal out. I am still here but not in the choir stalls.

Alex

A note from Eric

Janet has asked Alex and me to write a few words for the magazine about my twenty seven years with All Saints church choir.

It began when a much younger John Mackenzie asked me to consider joining the choir, at a time when George Farrow and Steve Birch were the organists and when Susan Harrington, Nessie Grogan and Derek Rose and his wife, among others, were choir members. Those are the names I can recall but I suspect Alex could do a much better job! All this took place around about 1991, when I began to join with others in raising the roof and singing God's praises at All Saints. Since then the time has either flown past or it seems as if it was only yesterday – you just have to ask me on the day. Susan became our organist until her recent retirement (recent in Choir terms as our timescale is different to that of most folk, ask Alex!) and of course Peter then took over. I cannot say that singing with the choir has taken its toll but old age most certainly has and it is a source of great regret that I eventually had to call it a day.

Last Saturday Alex and I, along with Jean and John, were royally received by David and Gill into their home and treated to a most magnificent buffet-supper and reception. All the choir were there but sadly Susan Harrington and Peter could not be present at this wonderful occasion. I was so very touched with all the effort that Gill and David went to on Alex's and my behalf and they were aided in particular by Ann Caie. All went to great lengths to ensure that the evening was such a resounding success and I am very grateful for the gift of restaurant tokens from the choir – John has already made a reservation!

Thank you all, but especially Gill and David for their generous hospitality and believe me, the privilege has been all mine.

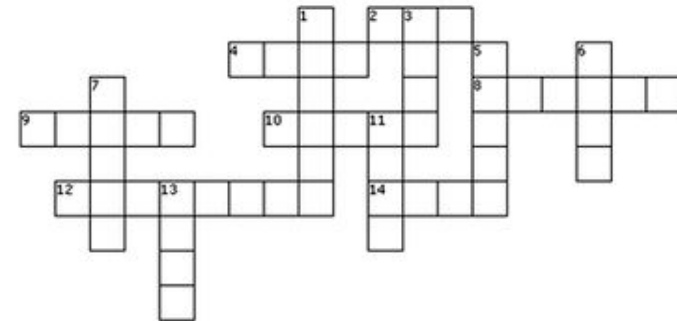
Eric

Children's Corner

Easter Sunday - 1st April 2018

He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. To shed tears
4. The opposite of alive
8. A heavenly being
9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus'tomb
10. The color that is the opposite of black
12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

DOWN

1. The male parent
3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
5. The opposite of late
6. A period of seven days
7. An adult female person
11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
13. The opposite of light

Words Used

early	angels	gardener	rise
week	white	Mary	dead
dark	woman	tomb	
stone	cry	father	

Earth Day – Sunday 22nd April 2018

"Treat the Earth well. It was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children."

Kenyan proverb

Earth Day, which was established in 1970 in the US, is celebrated on 22nd April each year. It is a day to think about our planet and what we can do to keep it special; to think about saving water and energy, reducing pollution, recycling, protecting our animals, trees and plants, and generally getting people interested in protecting their environment. Earth Day is now a global movement and it is believed over 1 billion people in 192 countries participate in what is now the largest civic focused day of action in the world. This year Earth Day is focused on mobilising the world to end plastic pollution.



I am the Earth
And the Earth is me.
Each blade of grass,
Each honey tree,
Each bit of mud,
And stick and stone
Is blood and muscle,
Skin and bone.
And just as I
Need every bit
Of me to make

My body fit,
So Earth needs
Grass and stone and tree
And things that grow here
Naturally.
That's why we
Celebrate this day.
That's why across
The world we say:
As long as life,
Is dear, is free,

I am the Earth
And the Earth is me.

by Jane Yolen

Easter Message from the Bishop

Some of you may listen to a Radio 4 programme called Last Word. In effect it offers appreciations and assessments of interesting people who have died in the week or so before the programme is broadcast. As I write, the cast includes Stephen Hawking and Ken Dodd. But it occurs to me that it's an odd title for a programme which makes no claim that what is said is to be understood as either authoritative or the last word about anybody.

Odd, simply because we all know that whoever claims to have the last word about anyone or anything is claiming to have very significant power over people or in human affairs generally. And we are all too aware of the destructive potential of such claims in the world as we experience it.

But what if the last word need not be like that and what if we are about to celebrate the all-important Last Word, namely the divine exercise of power which raised Jesus from the dead? And what if this Last Word turns out to be the very opposite of a destructive exercise of power, but is heard rather as a word of love, a word of life, a word of vindication, a word of triumph over the worst that we humans can perpetrate, because it is uttered by no human claimant to power?

And if that is true, *and it is our faith that it is true*, then here is a *Last Word* which constantly constitutes our hope and our ground for trying to live what we might call Christ-shaped lives, lives that may seem to meet with little favour in a hard and unforgiving world, but lives that bear the glory of resurrection now and at the end.

I suggest that at its best the liturgy of Easter celebrates this hope and strengthens us in living it out. I wish you all a blessed Easter.

+Gregor

Happy Easter

April Service Rotas

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
1st April Easter Sunday	John Brooker Andrew Long	Mike Celia	Isaiah 25:6-9 Acts 10:34-43 Mark 16:1-8	Catriona Craig	Susan Gray	Jean Stirling Pauline Waugh Fiona Hempel
8th April Easter 2	Anne Shirlaw Andrew Long	Hanan Catriona	Acts 4:32-35 1 John:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Mike Graham	David Simmons	John Brooker Gioa Whitmore Elaine Perrett
15th April Easter 3	Richard Kingslake Kate Ross	Graham Richard	Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Gill Hamblen	Andrew Long	Barbara Thompson Gillian Kingslake Sheena MacDonald
22nd April Easter 4	Joyce James Graham Bryson	Louise Andrew	Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	John Harrington	Mike Graham	Jane Lewis Ann Wheatley Brenda Hadcroft
29th April Easter 5	Mike Keen John Harrington	Mike Jenny	Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	Mary Darke	John Duncan	May Campbell Margaret Dunn Margery Pollock
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April Services

O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
Psalm 95:1-2

Date	Services	
1st April Easter Day (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Liturgy for Easter Day
8th April Easter 2 (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Easter Season Liturgy
	6.30pm Easter Readings and Hymns	
Wednesday 11 th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
15th April Easter 3 (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Easter Season Liturgy
Wednesday 18 th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
22nd April Easter 4 (White)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Reserved Liturgy
29th April Easter 5 (White)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Reserved Liturgy