

# *July-August 2018 Magazine*

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## From the Rector

*Dear Friends*

As I write this I am still reeling from the news that the Glasgow School of Art has yet again been engulfed by fire. It is easy to say it is just a building, however it is far more than that, it is an icon of the city of Glasgow and its architect, Charles Rennie Macintosh, has in recent years become one of Glasgow's most beloved sons. Many people were looking forward to the building being reopened in its refurbished glory in February next year but now the concern is, will it be able to be saved again.

The story of destruction and redemption only for destruction to then follow once more is a common one in the Bible. Indeed it is the recurring theme from the very beginning in Genesis, God created the world and it was good, but it didn't stay good. Time and time again we can read how God restored the world, firstly with the flood and then through people, but time and time again destruction followed. So God sent Jesus and when Jesus died that wasn't the end, Jesus was raised from the dead, the cycle of death and life repeating one final time, but this time with a difference, for this time the death was total and the new life indestructible.

Whenever it appears that all has been destroyed, that hope is lost, when the future seems bleak we can remember Psalm 50:10-12

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

It is easy to think that God is further away during times of trouble, when the reality often is rather that we have lost sight of God. It is all too easy for our focus to shift on to that which concerns us and away from God, God who is constantly there. We need a spirit willing to follow God through, as Charles Dickens put it in A Tale of Two Cities, the spring of hope and the winter of despair. For there will be times of despair, but God will not leave us in them. If we can rejoice in God's presence through them, we will indeed find joy and those times of despair will be easier to bear and quicker to journey through.

*Blessings Kirstin*

## Poetry and Art

With art from Victor Tardieu and poetry from his son Jean, we resumed our exploration of art and poetry. The evening usually starts with looking at a painting while listening to a poem and then exploring how the two speak to us. Each of us has our own thoughts and opinions and all of them are valid, the richness of art is that it speaks to different people in different ways and even individuals in different ways at different times.

We don't usually have a father and son combination. Indeed our first meeting in May was the first time there had been a blood link between poet and artist. At our second meeting in May, John Brooker, picked his favourite painting which hangs in the Kelvingrove Galleries, with which we listened to Malcolm Guite recite one of his own poems.

The evenings begin at 7pm and last no longer than an hour, we meet in the church and everyone is welcome, you do not need to have any prior knowledge of art or poetry just an open enquiring mind.

During July and August we will be meeting **on Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of August.**

## St Michael and All Angels, Helensburgh

Revd Dominic Ind has been appointed Rector of St Michael and All Angels. Dom was previously in this diocese as priest-in-charge at Cambuslang and Uddingston and is currently Rector of St Mary's Bridge of Allan. His Institution will be at 11am on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

## Bearsden Festival

The next festival is going to be done in a slightly different way with the main focus being in May, during next year's Mental Health Awareness Week. However between now and then we hope to ascertain what we might be doing to help improve provision of services to combat or prevent such issues developing.

We hope that by the time the week comes along there will be a network of facilities held in NK, All Saints and around the community, provided by a variety of people and organisations.

If anyone in the congregation is interested in Mental Health issues and would like to be involved in the planning group please speak to Kirstin, who can give you more details.

## The Ordinary Time Hangings (detail in cover picture)



The idea of creating two hangings for either side of the church altar was to reflect the season of Trinity/Ordinary Time.

I took inspiration from the area of the altar, especially the beautiful stained glass window. The tones of the green clothes worn by the Angels and the green glass border, along with the leadwork that held the glass together, were all elements that I wanted to include. I also noticed the trefoil carved in the wooden reredos, a key symbol of Trinity to incorporate into the hangings.

The starting point was to convey the stained glass greens in different sizing and to have stitching that reflected the lead framework. Various sizes of green cotton rectangles were sewn onto a brown fabric (matching the wood of the reredos) using a heavy over stitch to represent the lead work. I was pleased to be able to upcycle blue, woven fabric offcuts from the kneelers to form a trefoil.

The shimmering Dove, symbolising the Holy Spirit, was made from Angelina fibres which I fused together and which I am happy to see catching the sunlight through the stained glass window above.

Tabitha Craig BA (Hons) Design for Textiles

## VESTRY NOTES – JUNE 11 2018

- The Vestry met on 11 June with the Rector in the Chair
- Following the Special General Meeting on Sunday 3 June there was further discussion on the secondary glazing for the Church windows. The Rector reported that the plan was accepted in principal, but that there were concerns raised by the Congregation on the lack of adequate ventilation if the hoppers were removed. She also asked if it would be possible for these to be retained in a modified form to allow them to be opened in very hot weather. The matter was put back to the Sub-committee for discussion with the Contractors
- The Secretary had produced and circulated a modified Consent Form for the new Data Protection regulations. He reported that he had received a large number of completed forms and had written to other members of the Congregation who had not done so. It was also decided that a modified version would be required for some of the Hall Users.
- John also reported that he had now received the PVG return and the necessary forms had been completed and sent to the Diocese.
- The Alternate Lay Rep, David Hamblen, had tabled a Report on the matters discussed at the recent Diocesan Synod and the content of this had been published in the June Magazine.
- In the absence of Andrew Long, who was making a good recovery from his recent surgery, there was no Treasurer's Report.
- The Rector reported that the Joint Service for Pentecost held in New Kilpatrick had been well received by both Congregations. She was looking at the possibility of future occasions when a similar event could be held, though this would need to be at NK because of the numbers.
- David H gave an outline of the arrangements that were being put in place for Clergy to deputize for Kirsten during her sabbatical leave. The period to be covered was 13 Sundays from September 2<sup>nd</sup> to November 25<sup>th</sup>. This would include the Remembrance Sunday Service and Kirsten suggested that this might be shared with New Kilpatrick once it was known who would be conducting the service at the War Memorial. An outline template would be constructed around Mike Graham's availability to minimize the use of the Reserved Sacrament. Sufficient Clergy had expressed an interest in filling the slots and these would all be known to the Congregation. A final list would be available and published in the September Church Magazine.
- Date of the Next Meeting would be 13 August.

## Attention all aspiring thespians.

### 'The Eternal Trial'

This is a brand new two act play, loosely based on an original concept which was produced in 1942, addressing the events surrounding Easter, from a totally unique and non-traditional aspect. It features a timeless court case brought against the gardener from Gethsemane by The State of Humanity, in which he has to answer the charge of Body Snatching the corpse of Jesus of Nazareth.

The cast, which lists two female parts and nine male parts, (although some of these are interchangeable) features many of our well known biblical characters including, Mary Magdalene, Joseph of Arimathea and Paul of Tarsus along with several others, some of whom are of that same period though they may not necessarily be featured in The Gospels, while one character is from the present day. All of them however, have imaginatively developed personalities. which will come across to the audience in the course of the performance.

It is intended that this original play may be first presented as an **ABC (Association of Bearsden Churches) Production** and therefore we appeal to anyone with performing or stage experience, either amateur, professional, or none at all, to come forward and take part.

The production will of course, also need the services of a prompt come narrator, stage, lighting and costume management etc.

This promises to be an exciting, challenging and rewarding venture with the opportunity to extend our ecumenical ethos and also lend itself to potential fund raising for selected charities.

If this project attracts and interests you, then please contact :-

**Ian Cooper of Westerton Parish Church, on 01419420942,**

or by email to [icsignsystems@btinternet.com](mailto:icsignsystems@btinternet.com)

We look forward to hearing from you and to getting the show on the road!

Ian adds that the hope is to present this play around **Easter 2019** in the Sanctuary of one of the ABC Churches.

There will be further bulletins soon listing characters involved, but he hopes to get an indication of interest at this stage.

Penny Inglis and Celia Fisher are our ABC representatives and will keep us informed.

## Wednesday Lunch Group



As most people will know, the Wednesday Lunch Group has been a spectacular success for the last five years. What has made it a success has been the wide circle of folk from the church and the wider community who have come regularly to enjoy the warm welcome, the friendly company, the delightful entertainment and, of course, the excellent food provided by the loyal and highly gifted team of helpers. It has been funded by donations which have always exceeded the cost and have raised over £13k for a range of very worthy causes. Guiding it all has been the inspired leadership of Sheena, Jenny, Philip and Susan who retired in the spring.

**Andrew Long and Brenda Hadcroft** will undertake the role of the new management team, and the intention is to run the WLG on a weekly basis in autumn and spring (October to December, January to March) in much the same way as before, for lunch, friendship and conversation with some special events, when possible, throughout the year. They are intending to talk to all those who have helped in the past to confirm that they are willing to continue, and there is a need for new helpers who will be very welcome on a regular or ad hoc basis. There is also a vacancy for a treasurer to count the money, bank it at appropriate intervals in the church account, and keep a record of receipts. Anyone who would like to join the team (or is just thinking about it and needs to be persuaded) should have a word with Brenda or Andrew.

Full details for the autumn period will be in the September magazine. There will be a meeting early in **September** (date to be announced shortly) for regular supporters, and anyone interested in joining, to consider thoughts and ideas for taking the WLG forward.



## News from some church groups

**The E group** last met at Margaret's where we had our supper before getting on with the work!! The chapter was about the wedding at Cana when Mary asked Jesus to get some more wine for the feast. He was not pleased because he said "My time has not yet come" We had a lively discussion about the friend who was hosting the wedding losing face by not having enough wine etc. We have not been able to organise our summer party due to pressure of work of our young members but we plan to kick off with one in August.

Jean Stirling



**The Monday Evening group** ended the year with our annual croquet party at Ross Priory superbly organised by the Kingslakes. As ever this was a highly enjoyable outing followed by a delicious supper and this year the weather was perfect. The highly competitive match was won by Gill Hamblen and David Wheatley, closely followed by Gillian Kinglake and David Hamblen.



Bryan was presented with a special prize as, after over 25 years of such matches, he has never yet won! This ended our year of reading Richard Holloway's book 'A Little History of Religion', which promoted much discussion and thought about how religions develop.

Janet Stack

## Gardening

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Several hardy souls braved the storm on Thursday to work faithfully in the church garden. Unfortunately the local photographer failed to take a photo of the group as he felt the weather was too awful – or possibly they all rushed away too soon to devour the cakes. But this picture illustrates the scene!



While on the subject of gardening, this is a photo sent by a member of the congregation to the editor to show the 'best wisteria in Bearsden'. Can anyone compete with this?

## A Very Special Lunch Party

On Tuesday 12th June, some of the ladies who usually meet monthly at the Burnbrae were invited to Barbara Thompson's home in Strathblane.

Barbara hosted a delicious lunch to belatedly celebrate her special birthday. We were smaller in number than normal due to holiday commitments. Nevertheless we enjoyed a very happy occasion, with beautiful weather and surroundings. Thank you Barbara.



Elaine Perrett

Many congratulations to Barbara from the editors!



## Younger Members' Corner

Laura and Fiona will be taking a break this summer so there will be no Sunday Club. However they will provide games to the creche for any visiting children to participate in. We will see you all again for the new school term on **19<sup>th</sup> August**.

### Gift Day Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June

This is the day at the end of the Sunday School's year, when the children receive 'gifts'. First, they gave a magnificent rendering on a variety of instruments of the hymn 'The Lord of the Dance' with Lauren dancing away.

Watch this space ... they will be back!



## Appreciations of the gifts

Samantha says,

"I like my book because it is about a girl around my age called River. River has 2 sets of parents though they both abandoned her so she lives with her Gran in Birdsong. I really enjoy this book, a big thank you to Kirstin and the congregation."

Gavin says,

"I enjoyed my book so much that I've already finished it. It included 3 stories and they were all funny. Thanks to Kirstin and the congregation."

Lauren says,

"I like the book I got so much. I've read ninety pages already. One reason I like it is because there are some funny bits in it. I really want to thank Kirstin because I forgot earlier."

From Imogen - I am really enjoying my book "Walking with Frodo" which explores the religious side of Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" series. It is really cleverly written and I am looking forward to continuing it during the Summer.

From Alexander - My book, "God's Timeline" is very interesting although I am a bit worried about being able to memorise all the dates. However I'm looking forward to reading about the early church section as they have very gory persecutions.

More reviews after the summer holidays will be welcome





## Edward at the Scottish Parliament

As many of you will remember from my article in last October's magazine, Edward ("Eddie") Simmons has been involved in sports clubs for a few years now. He started with athletics, but is now also playing a lot of tennis with a local group called The Tennis Aces ([www.thetennisaces.co.uk](http://www.thetennisaces.co.uk)). The Tennis Aces meets regularly at Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre, is aimed at helping young people with disabilities and is run by the inspirational coach Allwyn Crawford. In addition to playing tennis, the group engage in many other activities: educational trips, talks from motivational speakers, first aid training, running coffee mornings and playing other sports such as basketball and pool.

The group also make sure to train young people as "tennis leaders" and, when they are ready, coaches, so there is a steady stream of trained older helpers in the sessions for younger players.

Edward's experience as a public speaker, honed over many years of reading lessons in church at All Saints, has led to his election as the group's spokesperson. His job is to thank visiting speakers and also speak on behalf of the group at other events.

The most recent of these, on 9th May, was a reception at the Scottish Parliament, sponsored by Rona Mackay MSP and attended by a large number of other MSPs and supporters, including Aileen MacDonald, Minister for Sport.

Edward, and other members of the group, gave incredible speeches about their experience of The Tennis Aces, arguably serving as models of young disabled people being successfully involved in sport.

You can watch these on the group website - it was a fantastic night to be a part of. As always, a big thank you 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.

Dave and Ellen Simmons



Edward speaking at the Scottish Parliament

## July Rotas

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
<b>1st July Pentecost 6</b>	Joyce James Graham Bryson	John Susan	Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	Margaret Dunn	John Duncan	<b>Gioia Whitmore</b> Elaine Perret John Brooker
<b>8th July Pentecost 7</b>	Mike Keen John Harrington	Mike Celia	Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	Andrew Roach	Louise Benson	<b>Gillian Kingslake</b> Sheena Macdonald Barbara Thompson
<b>15th July Pentecost 8</b>	Philip Thompson Simon Lewis	Hanan Jenny	Psalm 85:8-13 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	John Sherwood	David Hamblen	<b>Ann Wheatley</b> Brenda Hadcroft Jane Lewis
<b>22nd July Pentecost 9</b>	Susan Gray Celia Fisher	Graham Richard	Psalm 23 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Andrew Long	Susan Gray	<b>Margaret Dunn</b> Margery Pollock May Campbell
<b>29th July Pentecost 10</b>	Pauline Waugh Mary Stott	Louise Andrew	Psalm 145:10-18 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21	Janet Stack	Andrew Long	<b>Janet Stack</b> Joyce James Kate Ross

## August Rotas

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in <b>bold</b> to bring milk
<b>5th August Pentecost 11</b>	Mairi Ross David Hamblen	Mike Jenny	Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4: 1-16 John 6:24-35	David Simmons	David Simmons	<b>Pauline Waugh</b> Fiona Hempel Louise Benson
<b>12th August Pentecost 12</b>	Anne Shirlaw David Wheatley	John Celia	Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35,41-51	Graham Caie	Celia Fisher	<b>Gioia Whitmore</b> Elaine Perret John Brooker
<b>19th August Pentecost 13</b>	John Brooker Andrew Long	Hanan Catriona	Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5: 15-20 John 6:51-58	tbc	tbc	<b>Gillian Kingslake</b> Sheena Macdonald Barbara Thompson
<b>26th August Pentecost 14</b>	Janet Stack Andrew Long	Graham Richard	Psalm 34:15-22 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-59	Catriona Craig	Mike Graham	<b>Ann Wheatley</b> Brenda Hadcroft Jane Lewis

### September Magazine

Please send all articles for the September magazine to **Richard Kingslake** (richard.kingslake@gmail.com) by Sunday 19th August 2018.

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## July – August Services

Sing aloud a song of thanksgiving, telling of God's wondrous deeds. Ps 26:7

Date	Services	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July Pentecost 6 (Green)</b>	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am Said Eucharist	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> July Pentecost 7 (Green)</b>	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am Said Eucharist	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July Pentecost 8 (Green)</b>	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am Said Eucharist	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July Pentecost 9 (Green)</b>	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am Said Eucharist	
<b>29<sup>th</sup> July Pentecost 10 (Green)</b>	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	11.30am Said Eucharist	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 11 (Green)</b>	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am Said Eucharist	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 12 (Green)</b>	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am Said Eucharist	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 13 (Green)</b>	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.30am Said Eucharist	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> August Pentecost 14 (Green)</b>	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am Said Eucharist	

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