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Dear Friends,

For the next three months I will be on Sabbatical, it is a time of refreshment and study. The Province encourages all stipendiary clergy to take a three-month Sabbatical every 7 years; so mine is a couple of years late. “What is a Sabbatical for?” you may be asking. Basically, it is an opportunity for a cleric to do some further theological study and reflection on a subject in which they are interested to further encourage and sustain them in their ministry. This study is usually deeper than can be achieved amidst the demands of parish ministry. It is not a jolly or a holiday although it also has the benefit from being able to step back from the 12+ hour, 6 day a week life of a stipendiary cleric, and rebalance one’s life, reconnect with family and friends and have a glass of wine without wondering if you may suddenly have to drive.

Even in Mark’s Gospel which is filled with immediacy and crowds, Mark records that Jesus went by himself to pray and to be apart from the crowds, even from the disciples. Taking time away from our daily lives is something we are all encouraged to do, it is one reason we have holidays. However there is also the call on a cleric to live up to their ordination vows of theological study. While that of course happens, not least when preparing sermons, there is rarely the time, or opportunity, to do any deep theological reflection beyond what is required at any one moment. Sabbaticals allow for that, they give time to be able to delve beyond the summary facts, to explore new ideas and concepts, to join dots from one aspect of theology to another, to do what is known as ‘arching the spark’ making links between the creative power and purpose of God and the world in which we live. Such things are beneficial to do but it can be hard to justify the time they require outwith a Sabbatical.

For my Sabbatical I will be studying art in churches, including space and light and doing some theological reflection on that. Part of my time will be spent at St Andrew’s University attending the post graduate lectures on Theology and the Arts. I will begin however with a reading retreat where the large pile of books I have been obtaining and borrowing on the subject will get digested, ahead of getting out and meeting with architects and artists, having conversations with theologians, visiting churches and museums; come November, between my weekly trips up to St Andrew’s, I will write up my final paper, which has the working title of ‘God in the Other’, before returning to All Saints for the start of the next liturgical year on 2nd December, Advent Sunday. It is going to be a lot of work crammed into a relatively short period of time, but I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities it will bring.

I am grateful to the bishop for allowing this Sabbatical to take place and the vestry for their support and for organising cover for while I am away. You all will be held in my prayers and I look forward to sharing, at least some of, my discoveries on my return.

Blessings
Kirstin

Sabbatical Cover

During September, October and November the clergy at the Cathedral will be providing pastoral cover when required, please contact the Cathedral Office 0141 339 6691 or John Brooker 0141 942 2476 in the first instance.

General Data Protection Regulation

If you have still to fill in a form so that All Saints complies with the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) please fill in a form available from the back of the church or from John Brooker, Secretary to the Vestry, and return it to him as soon as possible. Thank you.

You will find All Saints Data Protection Policy on the web site under the Vestry tab, or by putting this in your browser: bit.ly/2vRMfu8. If you would like a hard copy, John Brooker will be able to provide you with one.

Bishop Gregor

There will be an Evensong at St Mary’s Cathedral on Sunday 7th October to mark the bishop’s retiral. All are welcome but obviously there is a limited number of seats, therefore if you intend going, it is advisable to arrive early. The service will begin at 6.30pm.

Gethsemane Garments

A special exhibition called “Gethsemane Garments” will be staged at St Mary’s Scottish Episcopal Church, Bridge of Weir – the Little White Church in the Wood – as part of St Mary’s Annual Festival of Faith and the Arts, from Sunday 9th to Sunday 16th September.

The Gethsemane Garments are a series of four unique robes exploring hope and suffering in the world. The Garments were created using a mixture of machine and hand-sewing, dyed, painted and printed materials including beads, shells, bone and a variety of synthetic and natural fabrics.

The exhibition will be open daily from 2pm – 4.30pm for visitors to come and view the Garments. Refreshments will be available.

Rev Heller Gonzalez said, “The Garment Exhibition is both colourful and unique. Each garment is larger than life and all who visit the Exhibition cannot fail to be moved and impressed.” Each garment is made up of biblical texts and explores one particular aspect. The colours reflect the cycle of the liturgical year. People are invited to touch and handle the garments to discover the texts, invited to use the beads, bones, leaves etc as a tactile stimulus for prayer and meditation, invited to engage in conversation with others or be quiet with the garments... invited to imagine what it might be like to inhabit them or wear them.

Congratulations

To John and Margaret Sherwood who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 9th August, complete with a telegram from the Queen and a cake after the service on the 5th.



Margaret and John were overwhelmed by the most kind wishes expressed by members of the congregation and thank them all.

St Matthew's, Possilpark

Our friends at St Matthew's have invited us to join them once more for their Patronal Festival on Friday 21st September beginning at 6pm. The preacher will

be PJ O'Maoil Mheana, the Rector of Ss Paul & John, Monklands and the service will be followed by refreshments.

Scottish Episcopal Institute Lecture 2018

This year's Lecture will be held on Thursday 11th October at 5:30 pm in Parliament Hall, South Street, St Andrews. Professor Elaine Graham, Grosvenor Research Professor of Practical Theology, University of Chester and Canon Theologian of Chester Cathedral, will deliver a paper entitled 'Liberating the Laity: a Theology for a Learning Church'. The Lecture, sponsored by the School of Divinity at St Andrews University, is open to all free of charge, and is followed by a reception.

St Oswald

Sermon preached by the Rt. Rev Dr Gregor Duncan, Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway, at St Oswald's Maybole on the feast of Saint Oswald, Sunday 5 August 2018.

St John 15.4: 'Jesus said "Abide in me as I abide in you..."'

Those the Church calls saints are supremely those who, through the ages in countless different times and places and cultures, have most fully exemplified the state of being described by Jesus in this text. They have known Christ in the depths of their being and have lived in unbroken communion with Him. And because of that way of being they have done what the prophet says is required of all God's people – they have done justice, loved mercy and walked humbly with their God. And because of that way of being they have certainly been seen to have followed the advice of the apostle, girding themselves with the belt of truth, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness and being persistent in prayer for God's people.

Your patron saint, Oswald, was such a one. His story can be told quite simply. He lived and died in 7th Century England, but his Christian faith was nurtured by the community in Iona to which he fled after a coup in his father's kingdom of Northumbria. After 17 years in exile, he returned to Northumbria, was victorious in battle and became king. He ruled for only eight years, being killed in another battle at the age of only 38 by a pagan king, Penda of Mercia. As king, his policy was to Christianize his kingdom. A modern scholar puts it like this: "...he sent for a bishop from Iona to preach the Gospel in Northumbria. First, a severe bishop was sent, who met with no success among people whom he considered barbarous and obstinate. He was soon replaced by the kindly Aidan

whose sermons Oswald himself interpreted and to whom he gave the island of Lindisfarne for a monastery and episcopal seat, close to the royal residence of Bamburgh. Aidan met with great success; numerous Northumbrians became Christians and Christianity was established...”

As is often the case with saints, what happened after Oswald’s death is at least as interesting and instructive as the events of his lifetime. After his untimely death his body was mutilated; the head, arms and hands being hung up on stakes. But, these parts of St Oswald were recovered and then venerated in many different places, leading to a great diffusion of his cult. So, the head went to Lindisfarne, some bits found their way to Germany, the arms first went to Bamburgh but were later stolen and ended up in Ely. In the end, 62 churches were dedicated in his name in England, including Hexham and Carlisle, and he is even commemorated at Prague, Bamberg and Regensburg. The same scholar I quoted earlier sums it up: “his cult eventually extended to Scotland, Ireland, Portugal, Bohemia, Holland, Germany and Switzerland. He was remembered as one of England’s national heroes; his bravery and military skill, his generosity and piety, together with an early death in battle for his country and his faith combined the attributes of Anglo-Saxon hero and Christian saint.”

I mention all of this because it seems to me that, one way or another, Oswald, just because he knew Christ in the depths of his being and lived in unbroken communion with him, remained a living presence in the community of faith – church dedications all over the place and the diffusion of his relics focus that for us. For, after all, saints are not just good, dead Christians of the past – not at all; rather they continue fully alive in Christ and are our living partners in the community of faith which unites us in Christ’s heaven and earth. And, thinking of Oswald as your patron saint, dead and gone patrons are not much help to the living, whereas patrons who are part of our community certainly can be of help in encouraging us along the way of their Lord and ours. So, in this matter of saints, I want to end by suggesting to you a threefold significance in our lives for saints: the way they lived and followed Jesus in their living as an encouragement to us, showing that with us dwelling in Christ and He is us, all matter of wonderful things are possible; our present Communion and fellowship with them strengthening us in our apparent weakness, reminding us that we are not alone but surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses; and, finally, since they live in Christ, they must also pray in Christ, and we can find ourselves helped by their prayers. It is good to ponder these things, all stemming from those who abide in Christ and in whom Christ abides, on a patronal festival such as this.

+Gregor

Organist



Peter Christie’s final Choral Evensong, 12 August 2018

As yet we have been unable to secure the services of a full-time organist after Peter Christie leaves us at the end of August. John Harrington has kindly agreed to ensure we have someone playing the organ each week during this vacancy. If you are aware of anyone who might help on an occasional basis, please let John know of them. The choir will continue to lead us in our hymns and provide an anthem each week, during this

period.

Before leaving All Saints, Peter put on a final Choral Evensong on 12th August. Friends from St James’ in Paisley joined the choir, along with a few voices from St Bride’s, Hyndland together with our own choristers.

The Music for the service was:

Introit – Give us the Wings of Faith by Ernest Bullock

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis – Noble in B minor

Responses – Ferial

The anthem was the world premiere of

A Hymn of Heavenly Majesty’s by John Duggan

Vestry Notes – July & August 2018

- The Vestry met on 16 July and 13 August. These meetings are reported in this combined article.
- The *July meeting*, which was not in the original schedule, was held to discuss the difficult financial problems for All Saints which had recently arisen.
- The Treasurer reported that, on current projections we would have a significant deficit on the current account for 2017-18. (He has subsequently estimated this as likely to be about £16000). There were two sources of this deficit. The first and most important was in the regular income; regular giving by the congregation was some 10% lower than in 2016-7 and income from Hall donations was down by a similar amount. The second reason for the deficit concerned some expensive items of maintenance and replacement, which had all occurred during the year and which greatly exceeded the amount initially scheduled for their payment in the budget. With regard to the latter, he would revise the budgetary procedures to make sure that these

large items did not come all together in one financial year. However the drop in regular income was a more significant worry. The Vestry decided to draft a letter reporting to the congregation, and asking that members review their regular giving.

- In the *August meeting*, the draft letter about general giving, referred to above, was reviewed and some changes agreed. It would be distributed to church members at the beginning of September.
- The steps being taken to fill the organist's post at the Church following Peter Christie's departure was reviewed, and the Vestry agreed that the Rector should speak to a candidate who would be a possibility for a short term appointment.
- The Treasurer reported that the services at the Bank of Scotland in Bearsden were being reduced and in particular the night safe would no longer be available to us. He had prepared a proposal for dealing with this new situation by using the night safe at the bank in Milngavie, which the Vestry agreed. He would write to all sidespersons telling them what was proposed.
- With regard to the Rector's forthcoming sabbatical, David Hamblen had arranged for appropriate visiting Clergy to take the 10.30 am service on Sundays, with Mike Graham also taking some. The celebrants name would be announced in the pew sheet the preceding week. Pastoral care for the duration of the Rector's absence would be provided by the Cathedral.

Andrew Long

Sunshine bags

I know the weather has reverted to normal of late, but we have had some amazing summer weather this year, so I am hoping that the Sunshine Bags which you collected at Easter are now bursting at the seams. If you have forgotten about your bag, there is still time to fill it before the Harvest festival on 7 October. The bags should be returned on that Sunday to be blessed with our harvest offerings.

If you do not have a bag, please collect one from the back of the Church, ask a sidesperson or speak to me.

Here's hoping for a bumper harvest.

Ann Caie

Cakewalk – 11th August



Mairi Ross and John Harrington organised an exhilarating Cakewalk again last month. It was just short of eight miles (as promised) and was enjoyed by all – not least because the weather was so kind to us. As usual, the Bryson children managed the whole walk in fine style. Lauren was seen climbing the steepest part of the Khyber Pass with the family rucksack on her back! Other older walkers accepted the offer of a lift in Mairi's car. Then, when we arrived at Easter Carbeth there awaited us a plethora of delicious, tempting cakes, meringues, fruit slices etc. together with tea or coffee. Very grateful thanks must be given to the walk organisers and the very many who provided cakes. The “indulgences” (for the indulgence of greed!) raised almost £300 for the church.

Richard Kingslake

Free Will Offering 2018-19

The 2018/19 Free Will Offering envelopes will be available on 16th and 23rd September in the church hall after the 10:30am service. Any remaining envelopes will be available at the back of the church on 30th September.

Issuing the new set of envelopes seems a good time to update the Gift Aid records. Please could you let me know of any:

1. **Change of Address.** The Inland Revenue requires the church to have a record of the addresses of Gift Aid donors, so please would you let me know if your address has changed since you completed your Gift Aid form.

2. **Change in Gift Aid Eligibility.** If the church currently claims Gift Aid on your donations, it would be helpful for me to know if I should stop claiming Gift Aid on your gifts e.g. due to changes in tax liability.

Penny Inglis

Wednesday Lunch Group in 2018/19

As regular readers of the magazine will already know, the Wednesday Lunch Group will be continuing in 2018-19 under the new management of Brenda Hadcroft and Andrew Long. We intend to keep the successful format much as it is, with lunches every week and additional entertainment from time to time. However, if anyone has any suggestions for improvements, or has any talents we haven't heard about, we will be pleased to know.

We have been trying to see all the recent helpers in the last few weeks, and have been delighted that so many people are willing to continue. If we haven't got to you yet, we are on our way! Even better, please come to the Helpers' Meeting on Wednesday 12th September at 11.00 in the small hall. All offers of help will be very welcome, whether it is on a weekly basis or just when it's possible for you. If you can't make it to the meeting, please just let one of us know what you have in mind.

Important Dates

Wednesday 12 September 11.00	Helpers' Meeting with coffee and cakes
Wednesday 19 September 12.00	First Wednesday Lunch
Wednesday 12 December 12.00	Last lunch before Christmas
Wednesday 16 January 2019 12.00	First lunch of 2019 (provisional)

*Brenda Hadcroft
Andrew Long*

September Service Rotas

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
2nd September Pentecost 15	Richard Kingslake Kate Ross	LHS: Mike RHS: Andrew	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Mike Graham	John Duncan	Margaret Dunn Margery Pollock May Campbell
9th September Pentecost 16	Joyce James Graham Bryson	LHS: Louise RHS: Susan	Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37	Gill Hamblen	Louise Benson	Janet Stack Joyce James Kate Ross
16th September Pentecost 17	Mike Keen John Harrington	LHS: John RHS: Celia	Isaiah 50:4-9a; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38	John Harrington	David Hamblen	Louise Benson Pauline Waugh Fiona Hempel
23rd September Pentecost 18	Philip Thompson Simon Lowis	LHS: Hanan RHS: Catriona	Jeremiah 11:18-20; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37	Mary Darke	Susan Gray	John Brooker Gioia Whitmore Elaine Perret
30th September Pentecost 19	Susan Gray Celia Fisher	LHS: Graham RHS: Andrew	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50	Gillian Kingslake	Andrew Long	Barbara Thompson Gillian Kingslake Sheena MacDonald
7th October Harvest	Pauline Waugh Mary Stott	LHS: Hanan RHS: Richard	Joel 2:21-27; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35	Bryan Stack	David Simmons	Jane Lowis Ann Wheatley Brenda Hadcroft

September Services

Praise God in the sanctuary;
praise God in the mighty firmament!
Psalms 150:1

During September, October and November there will be no 9am service on Sundays and no 11.30am service on Wednesdays

Date	Services	
2nd September Pentecost 15 (Green)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Reserved Liturgy
9th September Pentecost 16 (Green)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
16th September Pentecost 17 (Green)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Reserved Liturgy
23rd September Pentecost 18 (Green)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
30th September Pentecost 19 (Green)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
7th October Harvest (Green)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy

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