

# October 2018 Magazine

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Cover picture – The Corn Harvest by Pieter Bruegel the Elder

## Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

I'm sure most of us would agree that this year, we were blessed with a truly remarkable summer—memorable for a seemingly endless period of hot, dry, sunny weather. Now, however, we're feeling the distinct drop in temperature that signifies the start of autumn—and of course, 'the nights are fair drawin' in'! Already, it seems, the balmy evenings of a month or so ago, are but a distant memory.

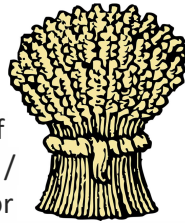
Autumn though, brings its own particular attractions: the air, for one thing, is crisper and often clearer; and the leaves on the trees are starting to blaze forth in a spectacular display of red, orange, and yellow that harmonises wonderfully with the surrounding areas of green. Yes, there's much to admire about autumn—not least, as the poet John Keats observed in the opening line to his Ode to Autumn, that it is the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.'

Indeed, the whole of the first verse of Keats' poem conjures up a wonderful sense of God's provision for his creatures through the richly-varied treasures of Nature's larder; but above all, there is a tremendous feeling of abundance, of an overflowing supply of good gifts for our enjoyment.

It's fitting, therefore, that we mark this point in the year with an act of worship that expresses our gratitude to God for his abundant provision and celebrates his gracious and bountiful gift of food to satisfy our physical hunger. Hence the Harvest services that will take place in churches across the land over the next few weeks.

The keynote of these services is, not surprisingly, that of thanksgiving, for we must never forget the gracious provision of our creating, sustaining God. A well-known harvest hymn, (*Hymn 270 in our hymn-book*), captures the proper response of gratitude right at the start: 'Come ye thankful people, come, / raise the song of harvest-home.' It's an interesting hymn, for while the first verse can clearly be understood to refer to the physical harvest of the fruits of the earth, we find that as the hymn progresses, the sense of another kind of harvest emerges.

A clue to its nature can be found in lines from the second verse: 'wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.' This is a reference to the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares (i.e. weeds) (Mt.13:24-30; 36-43). The commentator, Gerald O'Collins summarises its meaning in this way: "With his



picture of a field of wheat mixed with weeds, Jesus obviously encourages us to endure with patience this less than perfect situation [i.e. the fact that from the beginning, the Church has been a messy institution, in which we can always find plenty of sins, tensions and mistaken ideas.]

He certainly does not ask us to approve of weeds, let alone encourage their growth. But he does ask us to show forbearance and not lash out angrily. The present situation of the Church and the world is certainly not all that it should be. But God's final judgement [the harvest] is coming and will vindicate what is right. There will be no weeds in the final kingdom. But until that comes, we must endure their persistent presence." So, it is a parable of exhortation to patience, urging us not to grow weary in well-doing or in maintaining our faith, when all around us are temptations to drop our Christian standards and live in less godly ways.

Another harvest hymn, 'To Thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise / In hymns of adoration,' (Hymn 274 in our hymn-book), recognising the tough slog that maintaining our faith in an often hostile world can be, incorporates, by way of encouragement, the following words: 'We bear the burden of the day, / And often toil seems dreary; / But labour ends with sunset ray, / And rest comes for the weary. / May we, the angel-reaping o'er, / Stand at the last accepted, / Christ's golden sheaves, for evermore to garner bright elected.' [Garners = granaries, i.e. our heavenly home.]

Let us ponder deeply these words so that we too, when the angels have reaped the final harvest, may 'stand at the last accepted.'

Yours in Christ,

Mike



## Harvest Thanksgiving

12 noon. Harvest Lunch 7<sup>th</sup> October

after morning service

Bring and share – full details on the pew sheets.

## Sabbatical Pastoral 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 in the first instance.

## Vestry Notes – September 2018

- The Vestry met on 10 September. David Simmons, Lay Representative, was in the Chair.
- Church Officers had received an email from the Diocesan Office asking Congregations to contribute to a collection for a retirement present for the Bishop. The Vestry decided that individual All Saints members might well like to contribute, and it was decided to put out a basket on the last Sundays of September to collect such donations.
- The letter asking members to consider increasing their giving had been circulated but the response to it had been mixed. Some had indeed reported that they would respond to the letter by increasing their giving, while others felt that it was spiritual rather than financial stewardship which was necessary at present. The Treasurer agreed to write an article for the November magazine giving the financial position in more detail to prepare members for discussions at the AGM, which would enable him also to draw on the first month's figures for the new financial year.
- The Vestry heard from the Chairman that a number of expressions of interest in the vacant organist/choir director position had been received, and were in the process of being followed up.
- Arrangements for the Harvest Bring and Share Lunch to be held after the morning service on 7<sup>th</sup> October were finalised.
- The property report from Jim Craig reported completion of the works of coating the Hall floors and painting the walls. The floor contractor had told Jim that it was usual to coat such floors each year, but the Vestry was of the opinion that this would be more than was necessary and agreed to look at the state of the floors in two years' time.
- The Treasurer reminded the Vestry that it would be necessary to consider the level of Mission Support payments to be made in the next financial year. The Vestry decided to consult the congregation about this matter at the AGM.

*Andrew Long*

## Ave atque Vale<sup>1</sup>

I am writing to say how grateful and overwhelmed I was to receive such generous gifts from the congregation at my final service as organist on 26<sup>th</sup> August. The cheque will be spent on organ-related purchases which will allow me to expand my musical ministry further, hopefully with some fun along the way!

I have really enjoyed my time at All Saints - the choir were willing and able to run with my ideas, and we produced some very fine music together; the congregation was immensely supportive and interested in what I was doing, as well as singing well (all blissful for an organist); and Kirstin has been a great mentor, teacher and dear friend. Having been in more than one situation where organist and clergy were at loggerheads, Kirstin and I were rarely, if ever, in disagreement - even choosing hymns for the services each month was stimulating and fun, and something very much to look forward to.

Every pipe organ is different in many ways, and in that variety of beauty and technical/musical challenges they all have a lot to teach the player; I've much enjoyed the experience of playing the unique and historic Sauer organ, and I've learned a lot in getting the best out of it.

I've now been appointed Organist & Choir Director at St John the Evangelist Scottish Episcopal Church in Greenock, which is pretty close to our new house in Gourrock. I look forward to developing the music there - it's a church with an outstanding musical tradition in the past - and I look forward to inveigling All Saints choir members into singing at future special choral events 'doon the watter'!

Once again, thank you so much for everything, it's been a pleasure and a privilege. From my heart, I wish you every blessing for the future.

*Peter Christie*

## A Report from your Lay Representative New Priests, New Bishops

As many of you will already know, Bishop Gregor officially retires on 11<sup>th</sup> October this year, and preparations are well underway to appoint his successor. The rules about this are enshrined in the Canon Law of our church, and the first

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<sup>1</sup> 'Hail and farewell'

two jobs are to construct a “Diocesan Description” and appoint a “preparatory committee”. The former is a document which has four sections:

1. Cultural, Administrative and organisational Setting,
2. Liturgy, Mission and Ministry (currently featuring a lovely picture of our Sunday School band in the section on Children and Youth),
3. Congregational Profiles and a final section describing what we are looking for in our new Bishop.



This document will be sent out to prospective candidates and the final version will also be posted on the Diocesan web-site for all to see. The Preparatory committee is a sub-committee of the Province which looks at all applications for Bishop and shortlists between 3 and 5 of them to be voted on in a special Diocesan Synod.

As your Lay Representative to Diocesan Synod and also the North-West region’s representative on Diocesan Council I have seen successive drafts of the Diocesan description, which has mainly been put together by our Canon Missioner, Rev. Canon Audrey O’Brien Stewart, and the Digital Missioner, Petko Marinov. We worked on the final section of this document, what we want from our new bishop, at a workshop session at a special Diocesan Synod in Kilmarnock on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The entire Synod was grouped into 15 tables of 6-8 people, each with a facilitator, to discuss what qualities we expected of a new bishop in the areas of pastoral, administrative and missional leadership. The facilitator’s job was to record the discussion and distil it down to three “bullet points” for sharing with the rest of synod and which will form the basis for this section of the Diocesan description (which must be completed in double-quick time by the end of September). I hope you will agree with me that the Diocese is making every effort to make this document a communal one, with input from all of us rather than just being the product of a Diocesan “inner circle”.

The other job at the Special Synod was to vote on the Diocesan representatives for the preparatory committee (there are also two bishops and five provincial representatives on this committee, including two already from our own Diocese). I put myself forward for this, after encouragement from my brothers and sisters on North-West Regional Council, but in the end was unsuccessful. However, the region does have representation because Rev. Andrea Hagenbuch,

the rector of St. Andrew’s Milngavie, will be a clergy member alongside the Rev. Canon Sandy Montgomerie, rector of St. Andrew’s Ardrossan. Lay representatives will be Kennedy Fraser, a lay reader at St. James, Bishopbriggs, and known to us at All Saints following his training period with us a few years ago, and Nicolette Wise, who is the lay rep from St Margaret’s, New Galloway, and also a member of Diocesan Council. It is pleasing to reflect that the scrupulously open and fair voting system for this committee has produced a good balance of male, female, urban and rural representatives, truly reflecting the diversity of the Diocese.

Another pleasing development that has happened in the last few weeks is that the Diocese now has a Youth Chaplain who will lead our work with young people. This is Rev. Jim Benton-Evans, the new priest-in-charge of the East End partnership, who received his charge from the Bishop during the opening communion of the Special Synod. I hope we shall hear more from Jim in the near future.

**Some important Dates (some of which are provisional. Follow the Diocese on Facebook or Twitter or check the web-site for up-to-date developments)**

Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September	6.30 pm, St Mary’s Cathedral: Ordination to the Diaconate of Lee Johnston (a friend of mine from the University Chaplaincy who I have known since he was a first-year theology student!)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	6.30 pm, St Mary’s Cathedral Valedictory service for Bishop Gregor
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Official retirement day of Bishop Gregor
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Mandate for new Bishop will be issued
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Preliminary meeting of Electoral Synod (chaired by the Primus) to consider the electoral process
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Closing date for Episcopal Candidates
December-January	Preparatory Committee meets to shortlist candidates
March-April 2019	Two Electoral Synods at which, first, the shortlisted candidates are presented to Synod and, second, Synod votes.
Summer 2019	A new Bishop is appointed.

*Dave Simmons*

## Christmas Stamps for the Sudan Church

Please support this worthy cause by buying 2nd class stamps from me for Christmas.

I would be grateful if I could have your orders by the latest - mid November - many thanks. My tel. no is 942 5347.

*Jane Lowis*

## Wednesday Lunches

The Wednesday Lunches started again on September 19th. Without the expert guidance of Sheena, Jenny, Philip and Susan, we began with trepidation, but we managed to provide food for about twenty folk who braved the wild elements of storm Ali.

We will be holding the lunches each Wednesday with more details in the Notices. Do come along for food and fellowship, bringing any friends who might enjoy the company.

*Andrew and Brenda*



## The Parish Church of St Ebba, Beadnell, Northumberland

As we are nearing the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the First World War, I thought that I would share with you the wonderful experience of visiting St Ebba's Church in Beadnell.

Every window was decorated with poppies (either knitted or felt) red for the fallen, white for non-combatants and purple for the animals who served or lost their lives. The animals included horses, donkeys, mules, dogs, cats (used to keep rats and mice under control in the trenches), pigeons and canaries; pigeons were awarded the most posthumous Dickin Medals, which is the animal V.C. instituted in 1943.

The small congregation had embroidered kneelers and cushions in cross stitch which were so colourful and had a text on each. The photos on the next page, in the Flower Group article, will give you an idea of how stunning the church looked.

I look forward to our own Poppy display in November, which I'm sure will be lovely.

*Sheila Benson*



## The Flower Group

**All Saints Church remembers the Centenary of the ending of WW1**



**The Flower Group plan to remember the Centenary of the ending of World War 1.**



We ask for your help and contribution to decorate the Church for 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

We are looking for the crafters – the knitters – those who crochet – to make as many poppies as you can. These will be displayed around the Church, and, we may even manage something outside so that the

Community of Bearsden will recognise this special day.



Sunday School children and anyone who has grandchildren are also asked to contribute. We will be encouraging the Sunday School to make White Crosses with a Poppy Centre. Resources will be supplied. These will be displayed on window sills.

We welcome pictures of family members who served in any capacity during the war

and/or small cards describing their experience – anecdotal or actual. Can we please have these by 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Cards will be provided for the stories. It may be that you have memorabilia from any of the Wars please consider including them.

You will receive regular updates in the Pew Sheet leading up to 'hand in' day – Sunday 28 October but no later than 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to allow the Display Team time to erect the different displays.

*The Flower Group thank Louise Benson, who provided the suggestion and inspirational photographs.*



## Children's Corner

### Summer Holidays



We asked the Sunday School what they got up to over the summer break:

"In my summer my favourite thing that I did was my trip to Wales where we went camping and visited lots of castles and at our camping site there was a rope swing looking out on an amazing view."

Alexander

"I bought a water gun at Portugal and had fun"

Gavin

"During the summer holidays I went to Portugal with my extended family. My eldest cousin dyed my hair purple. We also had an amazing swimming pool in our back garden"

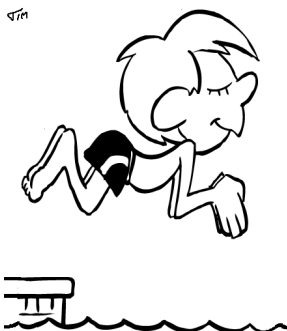
Samantha

"In the Summer holidays I went to Portugal and I stayed there with my family, my cousin and my auntie and uncle in a big villa with a swimming pool in the garden."

Lauren

"In my summer holidays I went to Centre Parks and Elie where we played and had fun"

Beth



## Upcoming Dates for the diary

30 <sup>th</sup> September	Sunday School	18 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday School
7 <sup>th</sup> October	All Age Worship - Harvest	25 <sup>th</sup> November	All Age Worship - Gifts for Children's Holiday Scheme
14 <sup>th</sup> October	October Holiday	2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Sunday School
21 <sup>st</sup> October	October Holiday	9 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday School
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday School	16 <sup>th</sup> December	Sunday School/crèche Party
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday School	23 <sup>rd</sup> December	All Age Worship - Crib Service
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday School	24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle

## Sunday School Autumn Session

This Sunday School session we have started to create a biblical timeline, starting at the very beginning with Genesis. We have been looking at the major stories covered in this amazing book:

The Creation Story

Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden

Cain and Abel

Noah's Ark

The Tower of Babel

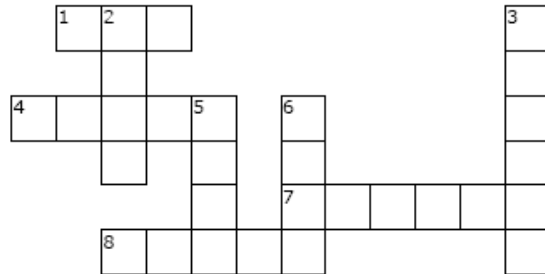
Abraham and Isaac.

# Noah and the Ark

Noah did everything just as God commanded him.  
Genesis 6:22 (NIV)

Based on Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24; 8:14-19 (NIV)

Do you know what kind of lights were on Noah's ark?  
Flood lights!



## ACROSS

1. A large wooden ship built by Noah
4. A large amount of water covering an area that is usually dry
7. A creature that lives and moves but is not a human
8. The third planet in distance from the sun; the planet on which we live

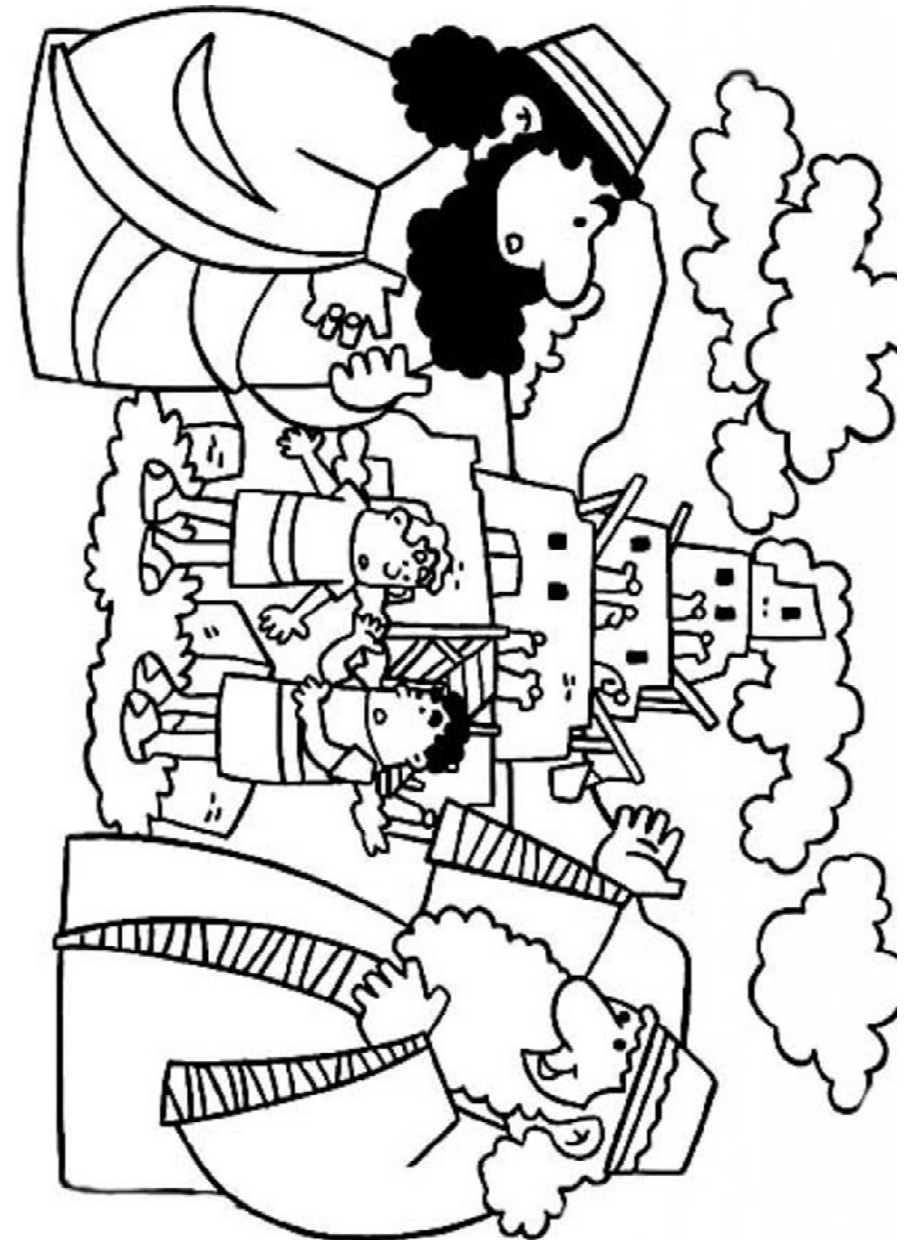
## DOWN

2. The covering that forms the top of a building, vehicle, etc:
3. Men, women, and children generally; human beings
5. The entrance into something such as a room or building
6. A good man chosen by God to build an ark

EARTH	NOAH	DOOR	FLOOD
ARK	ROOF	PEOPLE	ANIMAL



We made some really colourful Towers of Babel from Lego in Sunday School - how colourful can you make this one? - You will have to turn the page round!



### September Service Rotas

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in <b>bold</b> to bring milk
<b>7<sup>th</sup> October Harvest</b>	Pauline Waugh Mary Stott	LHS: Hanan RHS: Richard	Joel 2:21-27 Philippians 4:4-9 John 6:25-35	Bryan Stack	David Simmons	<b>Jane Lewis</b> Ann Wheatley Brenda Hadcroft
<b>14<sup>th</sup> October Pentecost 21</b>	Mairi Ross David Hamblen	LHS: Mike RHS: Jenny	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	Richard Kingslake	Celia Fisher	<b>May Campbell</b> Margaret Dunn Margery Pollock
<b>21<sup>st</sup> October Pentecost 22</b>	Janet Stack David Wheatley	LHS: Louise RHS: Susan	Isaiah 52:4-12 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Mary Stott	Mike Graham	<b>Kate Ross</b> Janet Stack Joyce James
<b>28<sup>th</sup> October Pentecost 23</b>	John Brooker Andrew Long	LHS: Graham RHS: Celia	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52	Ann Wheatley	John Duncan	<b>Fiona Hempel</b> Louise Benson Pauline Waugh
<b>4<sup>th</sup> November All Saints</b>	Anne Shirlaw Andrew Long	LHS: Hanan RHS: Richard	Isaiah 25:6-9 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44	David Wheatley	Louise Benson	<b>Elaine Perret</b> John Brooker Gioia Whitmore

## October Services

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

During October and November there will be no 9:00 a.m. service on Sundays, and no 11:30 a.m. service on Wednesdays

Date	Services	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> October Harvest (Green)</b>	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
<b>14<sup>th</sup> October Pentecost 21 (Green)</b>	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Reserved Liturgy
<b>21<sup>st</sup> October Pentecost 22 (Green)</b>	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
<b>28<sup>th</sup> October Pentecost 23 (Green)</b>	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
<b>4<sup>th</sup> November All Saints (White)</b>	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Reserved Liturgy

### November Magazine

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