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Cover picture - Pregnant Miniature Donkey by Nanouk Weijnen - Donkeys play a large part in the story of Christ from the one who transported the pregnant Mary first to Bethlehem then away to safety in Egypt with her young son, to the one which Jesus himself rode when he entered Jerusalem to a cheering throng. Such a humble beast and yet fit for a King and his mother

Dear Friends

We begin December by welcoming in the New Christian Year with Advent, a fitting time in many ways for me to end my Sabbatical and rejoin you.

Advent is often seen as a journey towards Christmas. It is of course part of a much bigger journey, the journey of our whole life, and the Church makes this time of year, leading up to Christmas, as a reminder that we should be constantly searching for God, not just in fleeting moments of anxiety or joy, but in our daily lives.

Much of my Sabbatical has been about how we search, how we help others search, how we continue the search even when we have found something. I have been exploring that through art and, as I prepare to finish off this part of my journey and return (writing in mid November), I find myself reflecting on how word, sound and image combine in proclaim God to the world.

Advent leads us into Christmas and the birth of Jesus, yet that is not the end. The journey continues with first the shepherds, then the Magi, then Simeon and Anna, discovering who this Babe is and what he came to bring. It continues to the shores of the Jordan, into the wilderness, to the mountain, to many homes, to confrontations with those who thought they had nothing more to learn, to acceptance of those who thought they would never be welcome. Onwards to vast picnics on hillsides, to private conversations and many, many other meals. It travels to the countryside and to the cities, to friend, to stranger and to those who just don't want to hear. It travels through the despair of Gethsemane, the pain of Golgotha and the joy of the Empty Tomb. The Babe, whose birth we will be celebrating at the end of December, came not for just one day, not for just one season, not for just one people, but for all times, for all people, for eternity. The journey did not begin in that stable. It began before Mary said yes, before Isaiah prophesied, before David sung his psalms, before, Moses journeyed out of Egypt, before Joseph's journey into Egypt. The story began even before Lot's wife looked back, before a rainbow marked a promise, before Noah planed the first piece of gopher wood, before Abraham saw a bush burn, before Adam and Eve searched for fig leaves, before God separated the light from the darkness. The journey, this journey we live today started in the heart of God before the world. This journey will keep going until God looks again and says; 'It is good'. Advent is more than a season it is the recognition that we haven't got there yet. While Christmas marks the season's end, the real end is still unknown and we have journeying still to do. Words, sounds and images in our better understanding of God's will for us are still out there to explore, to discover, to share with others.

For some people searching comes through words, for others it comes through sound, for others still it is the visual that asks the questions and helps with forming answers. For most of us it is a mixture of all three, in greater and lesser parts. A word, The Word, Emmanuel. There from before the beginning, waiting for us at the end. A sound, angel voices singing; Glory to God in the Highest! From the silence of nothingness to the Holy, Holy, Holy sung round The Throne. An image, a Star burning brighter than any seen before. Out of the initial darkness out of which everything came into being, into the Light where all can and will see and is already seen.

As we journey through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany once more, which words, which sounds, which images strengthen your faith? Which bring you comfort and encouragement from the past? Which challenges or excites you for your onward journey? Which will you share with others as you invite them to join the journey?

Blessings Kirstin

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who led services and kept things going during my Sabbatical. Especially to the vestry for the arrangements they made and for continuing with the appointment of our new organist, to John Harrington for arranging cover for an organist especially Trisha who stepped in to play the organ at the 11th hour. For Mike and the team at the Cathedral for continuing pastoral cover, to the Sacristy team who came early to open and set up, and to the many other people who helped in various ways.

Blessings and thanks to you all. Kirstin

Morning Prayer

During Advent Morning prayer will be said in the Choir Vestry at 8am on Mondays-Thursdays, beginning on 3rd December. Please enter through the door at the church car park.

Art and Compline

At 7pm, on the three Wednesday's during Advent, 5th, 12th, 19th, there will be a time to reflect on a piece of art, followed by a meditation on the piece ending with Compline. The first week we will be contemplating the art work on the front of this magazine, Pregnant Miniature Donkey by Nanouk Weijnen.

Poetry and Art

Our Wednesday exploration of Poetry and Art resumes in January. We will be meeting in the Choir Vestry on the 9th and 25th beginning at 7pm. If you have never been before but would like to come, please join us, you don't need to have been to previous sessions and as each session is complete in itself, you can come to as many or as few as you wish.

all sORTs

ORT, *n.*, gen. in *pl.*: what is useless and has been cast aside, leavings, left-over fragments

Ort is an old Scots word for something left over, or waste products, in common parlance it was often used to refer to food or fabric, but also to anything else seen as of no further use. Our world's seas and land is being filled with things people don't want, but these orts are not always totally useless. If you are interested in recycling, in art, or just in the future of our planet you are invited to come along and join a discussion to be held on Tuesday 15th January at 7pm in the Meeting Room in the Halls. After which perhaps you may wish to join in a project to collect and repurpose some orts, or simply help find solutions to better recycle All Saints own waste, all rubbish currently produced by the church and our hall users goes to landfill.

Ruth gleaned the barley left at the edge of the field, the disciples picked up the leftovers of after the feeding of the multitudes, the Canaanite woman in her wisdom pointed out to Jesus that even the crumbs had value. Let us see if we at All Saints can take all sORTs and find the value in them also.

Bible Study

During my Sabbatical I found myself constantly being pointed to the prophet Jeremiah and the first half of his book in the Old Testament. Therefore in the New Year there will be a Bible Study on the first part of the book of Jeremiah so we can explore together more of the wonders within the writing of this particular prophet. The first meeting, when we will have a discussion on who Jeremiah was, will take place on **Monday 7th January** in the Choir Vestry, at that meeting we will also decide the venue, frequency, day and time of future meetings. Coffee from 7pm, the meeting will begin at 7.15pm. If you can't manage the first meeting but would like to join in please speak to Kirstin.

Vestry Notes – November 2018

- The Vestry met on 13 November. David Simmons, Lay Representative, was in the Chair.
- Information on leaving a legacy to the Church had been tracked down on the Provincial website and would be discussed in a forthcoming magazine issue.
- The Treasurer reported that an order had been placed for a new boiler in the Halls. It was intended to install it as soon as possible, so that the recent unreliability of the current unit would be improved on.
- The format for the AGM on the following Sunday after the 10.30 service was discussed. Coffee and tea would be provided for those staying. The Lay Rep would chair the AGM, and report on the period of the Rector's absence to supplement her report covering the rest of the year.
- The Treasurer updated his October report on the financial results from 2017-18 and in particular stated that a significant increase in giving had been observed in October 2018, compared with the same month the previous year, in response to the letter sent out to members in September. The OSCR report with accounts would not be available in time for the AGM.
- The Vestry decided to thank the three people who had led Sunday morning worship in the Rector's absence, Mike Graham, Rev. Ivan Draper and Rev. Kenneth Roach by making presents of a book token to each of them.
- There was some discussion of the pattern of Christmas services proposed by the Rector. It was noted that there had been several requests to Vestry members for a re-instatement of the service of Nine Lessons and Carols over the Christmas season.
- The next Vestry meeting would be on Monday 10th December.

Andrew Long

A Report from your Lay Representative: The Search for a new Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway

A couple of years ago I had the good fortune to bump into the composer Sir James MacMillan. I recognised him as we were waiting in an immigration queue at Newark airport and he ended up behind me in line. It turned out that he was very late for his connecting flight and asked very politely if he could go ahead of me. I, of course, agreed [I had plenty of time], mentioning in passing that I loved

singing his *St. Anne's Mass* at church. He acknowledged this compliment with a brief smile of thanks. The humility of this internationally famous composer was in my mind as we sang that same mass at the opening service of our first Episcopal Electoral Synod on Saturday, 3rd November.

Humility was also the theme of our Primus's sermon at this service and later "charge" to the synod. The Primus emphasized that a Bishop's role is to serve the Diocese rather than just to look good in fancy vestments. We spent the rest of the day, at Holy Trinity & St Barnabas Church, Paisley, working on potential questions to ask the candidates for Bishop for inclusion in the Episcopal application pack. The day concluded with a closed meeting of the *Preparatory Committee*, consisting of both Diocesan and Provincial representatives, who will spend the next few weeks advertising the Episcopal Vacancy. The post is open to "any Anglican priest worldwide" so we can expect a wide range of candidates. Each candidate will be sent the *Diocesan Description* (which we worked on at recent synods and is available through the Diocesan web-site:

<https://glasgow.anglican.org/diocesan-description/>) and a questionnaire to fill out (also available via the same web link). The deadline for applications is 26th November.

The Preparatory Committee will sift these applications and arrive on an interim shortlist which is then passed to the College of Bishops for scrutiny. Following on from that we should arrive at a final shortlist of 3-5 candidates who will present their cases to Synod in (probably) March, 2019, in advance of a vote soon after. Should one of the candidates receive a majority in both houses (clergy and laity) of Synod then that candidate will be elected. If this does not happen there is a complex process of re-voting and re-running the election (or even the whole process) which is laid down in the Code of Canons (Canon IV): <http://www.scotland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/e-Code-of-Canons.pdf>.

Should the whole process fail to produce an outcome (as it did recently in the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney) then the College of Bishops, which apparently has "full metropolitan authority" for the Scottish Episcopal Church, will appoint our new Bishop. Should all go smoothly we should expect the Installation and possibly also ordination of our new Bishop at some point during the summer. In the meantime the Primus has full authority as Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, so hopefully we will see a bit more of him than usual.

If any of you have questions about this report, or the electoral process, do get in touch and I shall try to answer them.

Dave Simmons

Wednesday Lunch Group News

The Wednesday Lunch Group is now meeting regularly in its usual slot, and, having started off low-key to establish a pattern of working with a different group of helpers, it is now branching out.

The first extra "event" was on 31 October when Mike Keen talked about "Gold". His wide ranging presentation covered Scottish and Welsh gold mines, before moving abroad to talk about mines in Australia and in the Yukon in Canada, both of which he and Christine had visited.



Not only did he illustrate his talk with photographs, many taken on their travels, but Mike brought along geological samples from typical gold bearing strata. It was a fascinating talk.



The super pit at Kalgoorlie,
Western Australia

By the time you read this, the second special event, the pre-Christmas Bring and Buy sale, will have been held (on 21 November). More on this in the next magazine.

We also have two more specials in the pipeline. On **28 November** Commander Eleanor Stack R.N. will be giving us an illustrated talk about her recent tour of duty in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Black Sea, under the title "All Aboard with NATO".





The Wednesday Lunch Christmas Party

On **December 12th**, the now traditional WLG Christmas Party will be held. This lunch will have the usual musical accompaniment, courtesy of John Harrington. Tickets (free) will be available from Brenda Hadcroft or Andrew Long from Wednesday 21 November (and also on Sundays thereafter). The Christmas Party will be the last Lunch before Christmas.

We will start again on **January 16th 2019**.

Andrew Long Brenda Hadcroft

Remembrance Sunday: World War 1 Centenary



In common with many other churches throughout the country, we had a special display to commemorate the end of World War 1. It all started for All Saints when Sheila and Louise returned from a trip to Northumbria with photographs of the small church of St Ebba which had been decorated with poppies: they had the idea that we might be able to do something similar.

The Flower Group took this on board and, under the leadership of Susan, Jenny and Sheena, encouraged the congregation to bring memories and memorabilia to display in the Church.

At the same time, people were urged to knit as many poppies as possible to be used in the display.



On Friday 9 November, the Flower Group transformed the Church with the donated poppies, red and black net, poppy wreaths and a lot of ingenuity.

The Sunday School children, with Fiona in charge, produced a large quantity of small white crosses which were displayed on the two large window sills, representing the fallen on the muddy battlefields of France.



The stories from the congregation were written up on cards, then mounted with photographs, on boards around the Church.

Outside, the Cross we use at Easter was placed in the garden with a wreath on it and '100' in poppies beside it. A wreath was also placed on the front door and poppies in the Memorial Garden.

The Church was open on Saturdays 10th and 17th, with coffee and biscuits so that people would have time to study the displays, and after the service on Sunday 11, Remembrance Sunday.



This was a very successful venture and heartfelt thanks are offered to everyone who contributed in any way. Ann Caie



The Church Garden

Watching the proceedings recently at the AGM when there was no noticeable rush to fill vacant posts, it occurred to me that volunteering for church gardening might be a more attractive prospect than some of the more arduous and demanding of the roles required of members of All Saints.

Firstly, I have always appreciated the perhaps slightly cynical methods of the Roman Emperors in keeping the populace of Rome happy: Bread and Circuses. Now it is admittedly easier for me to ensure the bread side of things. I think the guarantee that every gardening session is rounded off with a fairly well-extended coffee break, always including a good selection of biscuits or cakes, deals with it quite well. Furthermore, we are currently considering the date for our pre-Christmas 'gardening' day, which usually involves about half an hour of gentle raking or litter-picking, followed by a large quantity of mince pies (and if I can source it) some particularly delicious brandy and champagne cream! And there will be proper coffee for once.

So, yes, I have taken to heart the bread philosophy. Circuses are more difficult to organise, but, also recalling the day of the AGM, the antics of a sub-committee of the joint Garden and Property Group (Jim Craig and myself) might fit the bill. Arriving at the church I had noticed a partly-broken large branch which was overhanging the pavement and Glenburn Road, potentially causing an obstruction, possibly a real hazard. It was a very big branch, coming from high up the tree, and was therefore rather beyond the normal maintenance remit of the gardeners – hence my calling in the Property Convenor. We had no tools available, but the problem was fairly urgent, so we just reached up, grabbed the branch, and yanked it as hard as we could. We were partly successful. We nearly broke the branch free. Unfortunately, nearly isn't really, so we were left with a very large bit of tree now actually obstructing the pavement. Several minutes of acrobatics later, we did at least twist it round until it was confined by the church's fence and no longer a public nuisance. I think this could reasonably be seen as representing the circus side of garden management.



Another way of looking at the gardening jobs however, might be more theological. In that sense, perhaps our tree twisting should be thought of as

'muscular Christianity'? There is potential during the gardening year also for doctrinal debates.

Do we put bark on the flower beds (expensive and doesn't last, but does cut down drastically on weeding for a while)?

When, if at all, do we cut back the perennials?

Will we ever get round to dealing with the overgrown and disorganised bed at the north boundary of the property; and dare we remove any shrubs past their best?

Then there are the difficult questions of the Tuesdayites versus the Thursdayists. An Anglican to my core, where compromise is possible, I have it both ways and vary it!

Perhaps a little more seriously; there is a case for saying that mankind's love of gardens is a wistfulness for Eden, and that when we work to make or keep one beautiful, we are seeking an echo of Paradise. Why not come and join us?

Mairi Ross

Congratulations to David and Gill on their Golden Wedding



Children's Corner Remembrance Sunday

2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War and as the Flower Group were going to be decorating the Church, the Sunday School decided that as well as contributing to their display we would do our own display. Our church hall is the muster point for those participating in the service at the war memorial so we thought it would be nice to decorate the hall to welcome the guests.

So Sunday 4th November saw us surrounded by red and black felt, red and black paint and glue - lots of glue. We made various poppy related crafts -

fingerprint pictures and bunting, hand print poppies, tissue paper poppies and paper plate poppies. Hopefully those present appreciated all the children's efforts after they were displayed in the hall on 11th November.



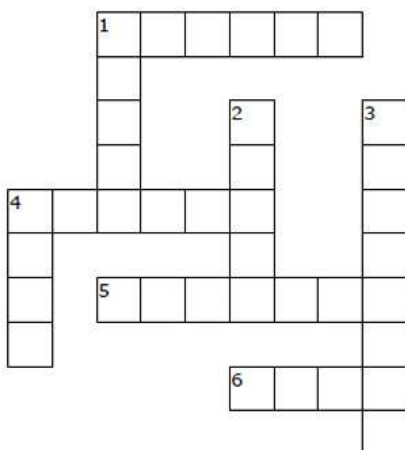
Sunday School Autumn Session

In Sunday School have been continuing our study of the Book of Genesis. Following on from Abraham and Isaac we have heard about Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers and finishing with the death of Joseph. Next up is the Book of Exodus where we will re-visit the story of Moses.

A Baby by the River

When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water." Exodus 2:3 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Exodus 2:1-10



ACROSS

1. A woman who has given birth to a child
4. A container that is usually woven of straw and has handles
5. A king of Egypt
6. The world's longest river

DOWN

1. An Old Testament Hebrew prophet
2. A clear, colorless, odorless, tasteless liquid (H₂O)
3. A female human offspring
4. A very young child (up to 1 year old)

BASKET	MOTHER	MOSES	DAUGHTER
BABY	NILE	PHARAOH	WATER

Christmas is Coming!

Nativity Word Search

X	S	M	B	I	Y	L	V	Y	Y	J	U	H	O	L	Y	S	F
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ADVENT	ANGEL	BABY	BETHLEHEM	CAMEL
CANDLE	DONKEY	GIFTS	HOLY	JESUS
JOSEPH	KINGS	LOVE	MANGER	NATIVITY
PEACE	SHEPHERDS	STABLE	STAR	MARY

Upcoming Dates for the diary

25th November	All Age Worship - Gifts for Children's Holiday Scheme	30 th December	Holiday
2nd December	Sunday School	6 th January	Holiday
9th December	Sunday School	13 th January	Sunday School
16th December	Sunday School/crèche Party	20 th January	Sunday School
23rd December	All Age Worship - Crib Service 10.30AM	27 th January	Sunday School
24th December	Christingle 5PM	3 rd February	Sunday School

December Service Rotas

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
2nd December Advent 1	Philip Thompson Simon Lowis	LHS: Mike RHS: Celia	Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	John Sherwood	* Andrew Long	Joyce James Kate Ross Janet Stack
9th December Advent 2	Andrew Long Celia Fisher	LHS: Graham RHS: Andrew	Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	Andrew Long	* David Simmons	Pauline Waugh Fiona Hempel Louise Benson
16th December Advent 3	Pauline Waugh Mary Stott	LHS: Louise RHS: Susan	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	Janet Stack	* Celia Fisher	Gioia Whitmore Elaine Perret John Brooker
23th December Advent 4	Mairi Ross David Hamblen	LHS: John RHS: Catriona	Micah 5:2-5a Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-55	TBA	* Mike Graham	Gillian Kingslake Sheena MacDonald Barbara Thompson
Christmas Eve	TBA	LHS: Graham	Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20	TBA	TBA	
Christmas Day	TBA	LHS: Hanan RHS: Celia	Hebrews 1:1-12 John 1:1-14	TBA	TBA	
30th December Christmas 1	Janet Stack David Wheatley	LHS: John RHS: Catriona	1 Samuel 2:18-20,26 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52	David Simmons	John Duncan	Ann Wheatley Brenda Hadcroft Jane Lowis



Wishing all our readers
a very Happy Christmas
and
Best Wishes for the New Year

January Service Rotas

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
6th January Epiphany	John Brooker Andrew Long	Louise Richard	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Graham Caie	David Hamblen	Margaret Dunn Margery Pollock May Campbell
13th January Baptism of the Lord	Anne Shirlaw Andrew Long	Graham Celia	Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17,21-22	Catriona Craig	Celia Fisher	Janet Stack Joyce James Kate Ross
20th January Epiphany 2	Richard Kingslake Kate Ross	Mike Catriona	Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Mike Graham	Andrew Long	Louise Benson Pauline Waugh Fiona Hempel
27th January Epiphany 3	Joyce James Graham Bryson	Hanan Jenny	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21	Gill Hamblen	David Simmons	John Brooker Gioia Whitmore Elaine Perret

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December/January Services

Date	Services	
Monday-Thursday during Advent Morning Prayer 8am		
2 nd December Advent 1 (Violet)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Advent Liturgy
Wednesday 5 th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
	7pm Advent Art and Compline	
9 th December Advent 2 (Violet)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Advent Liturgy
Wednesday 12 th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
	7pm Advent Art and Compline	
16 th December Gaudete Sunday (Rose)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Advent Liturgy
Wednesday 19 th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
	7pm Advent Art and Compline	
23 rd December Advent 4 (Violet)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Crib Service
	6.30pm	Lessons and Carols
24 th December Christmas Eve (White)	5pm Christingle Service	
	11.30pm Midnight Eucharist	
Christmas Day (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Christmas Liturgy
30 th December Christmas 1 (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Christmas Liturgy
6 th January Epiphany (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Epiphany Liturgy
13 th January Baptism of the Lord	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Epiphany Liturgy
Wednesday 16 th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
20 th January Epiphany 2 (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Epiphany Liturgy
Wednesday 23 rd	11.30am Said Eucharist	
27 th January Epiphany 3 (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Epiphany Liturgy
Wednesday 30 th	11.30am Said Eucharist	

