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Cover Picture:
All Saints during the Bearsden Festival

Dear Friends

As I write this the Bearsden Festival is drawing to a close and what a wonderful festival it was. The community came together to celebrate life and promote good mental health, from the youngest at play to the more elderly being entertained in the local nursing homes. From singing to talks and discussions; from food to crafts; from yoga to lego; from sewing in silence to music concerts; from walking around Bearsden to cycling round the park; mosaics, cafes, drop in sessions, poetry reading, plays, the list goes on and on.

Thank you to those who of you who have helped with making this festival happen in any way, especially those who helped with the Positivity Cafe at All Saints on Saturday 18th May, and those who came along and supported the Festival and the community by attending events.

Of course for the Christian a big part of our mental health comes from our relationship with God; we tend to think of this mostly during Lent when we have a whole season to look at this relationship, fixing those things which are amiss. However, the churches year is littered with festivals which encourage us to reassess our relationship with God.

This year we celebrate Pentecost on 9th June, the day the church remembers the Holy Spirit descending on the new church as they gathered together. This was a pivotal event in the life of the early church, giving them the strength and confidence to be more public in their confession that Jesus had been raised from the dead, that God had sent Jesus to offer new life to all people, that God wanted all people to know that their lives were precious and live in peace and harmony. The Holy Spirit prior to this had been seen as something only certain people had in their lives, maybe only for a season while they accomplished a particular task, but from this point it was understood very differently. The Holy Spirit brought a new way of living, one of personal responsibility for actions. No longer should someone turn to the law and use that as justification for past actions, rather they should listen to the Spirit's guiding before acting and ensure that their actions and words were touched and influenced by God's love before embarking on them.

Good mental health, good spiritual health, good general health, comes easiest when our lives are lived in such a way as to avoid damage being done in the first place. Pentecost is a time when we can remind ourselves that the Holy Spirit is here, here to guide and help, not only after the effect but also before we even begin on anything. This is an ancient prayer for the Holy Spirit to come and bless us as individuals and as a church:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created; and you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen

Blessings, Kirstin

All Saints Quiz Night – Saturday 15th June, 7pm

We shall be having a quiz night in the Church Hall on Saturday, 15th June, starting at 7pm. As usual there will be drinks and nibbles available. A team of academics from the Vestry is busily devising some fiendish questions for you. Please come along!

David Simmons

Diaspora Tapestry

The Diaspora Tapestry will be displayed at St Mary's Cathedral in two parts, the first part – The British Isles, Europe and Asia from 3rd to 16th June; and the second part 18th June – 2nd July – The Americas, Africa and Australasia. Entry is free and it is open Mondays to Saturdays 10am – 5pm.

Please note that parking around the Cathedral can be problematic so public transport is advised.

Diocesan Pilgrimage

Advanced Notice

There will be a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Whithorn on Saturday 14th September. Pilgrims are being asked to make their own way down to Whithorn, however people are being urged to travel together. More details will follow at a later date.

Mission to Seafarers Scotland Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Meeting, which will be held in St Catharine's Episcopal Church, Cadzow Crescent, Bo'ness EH51 9AY on 8th June. This year's keynote speech will be delivered by The Reverend Mark Lawson James, Port Chaplain, South Wales. There will be tea / coffee from 10.00am with the meeting getting underway at 10.30am. This will be followed by our service in church and then a light lunch. It would be good to welcome you as we reflect on the past year during which we have been very busy with the provision of support to seafarers. Please join us as we review the activities of The Mission to Seafarers Scotland over the last year and share with you our plans for the future. Please reply by email (chaplain@mtss.scot) if you can come so that we have an idea of the numbers for our caterer.

Vestry Notes May 2019

The following topics were discussed at the Vestry meeting held on Monday, 13th May 2019:

- Efforts are ongoing to have the defibrillator moved to a more visible and accessible site, hopefully the EDC Hub.
- The floors of both the Drymen and Glenburn halls are to be buffed, polished and revarnished, part of a cycle of annual maintenance.

- The Vestry approved the replacement of the existing lighting in the Drymen Hall with energy efficient LED lighting. Jim Craig, our Property Convenor, has been asked to obtain estimates for LED lighting throughout the remaining areas of the halls. The lighting in the church is to be checked, as some fittings are defective.
- Metal bollards with reflective tops are to be sited at the corner of the hedge surrounding the Garden of Remembrance in the car parking area to prevent further damage to the hedge.
- There was a review of Easter services.
- Our Lay Rep, David Simmons, gave an update of the process to elect a new Bishop.
- PVG procedures were discussed and the Vestry agreed that all visitors should be PVG checked to fully comply with Scottish Episcopal Church Safeguarding policies.
- The date of the next meeting is 10th June 2019.

John Brooker

The Treasurer at All Saints: a job description

All Saints is looking for a new Treasurer. You don't have to be a member of the Vestry Committee (though you can be). The term is one year, but renewable so you can step down if it doesn't appeal or continue if it does.

Support

You also don't have to be an accountant, and the job is made easier by using Cash Flow Manager 6 (CFM) software which has been in use for some years now and which has been chosen by the Church auditor, Bell Barr and Company of Stewart Street, Milngavie. It runs under Windows 10, though the present Treasurer successfully runs it on a Mac with the help of a PC emulator. The Church has banked for many years with the Bank of Scotland in Bearsden but this is no longer straightforward as this branch no longer handles coinage. The weekly collection after the Sunday morning service was for a short period taken to the night safe at the Milngavie branch the same day. However it is now paid into the Bearsden Post Office which is open until 2pm on Sundays and transferred to the BoS account using Giro, relieving the Sidespersons of having to travel to Milngavie for nightsafe facilities.

A very full and clear account of the job has been written by the outgoing Treasurer, so advice is on hand.

Duties

Mainly there are five:

- (a) **Receipts and payments** are reported to the Vestry, after the end of each quarter, on the basis of the figures in CFM after each of the three months data has been checked against the Treasurer's account figures and locked in CFM.
- (b) **Budgeting** is carried out in early October and the preliminary budget is taken to the October Vestry for approval before being put before the AGM in November. This is generally done in conjunction with the Vestry committee.
- (c) **Paying the Rector's stipend each month** and also making sure the payments of Tax and of employee's National Insurance to HMRC are made month by month. All Saints is part of a scheme in which the Diocese prepares a payslip for the incumbent detailing the month's stipend and deductions, and also a second slip with Tax and NI information on it for the benefit of the Treasurer who then pays the Tax and Employee's NI to HMRC by BACS.
- (d) **Recording and banking** donations which are received for use of the Halls. Payments come in either by cheque or by BACS payment. The Treasurer keeps a spreadsheet tabulating all the Hall payments, each of which is numbered in sequence and sends out a receipt for each payment.
- (e) **The Annual audit.** After the Church's Financial Year ends on September 30th the Treasurer makes an estimate of accruals (outstanding credits and liabilities) associated with the year end. At a meeting with the auditor, the Bank statements, the CFM output on a memory stick, and all supporting documentation for income and expenditure during the year is transferred and the auditor performs the appropriate checks on the information provided. and then prepares a set of accounts in the form required by the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR). The OSCR document also contains a written report from the Trustees which is taken to the Vestry at its November or December meeting for approval before the accounts are signed by one of the Trustees and by the Auditor.

Clearly, for our church this is an important job, but it is also an interesting one. While the rewards in the next life are uncertain, in this one anyone volunteering is sure of help and gratitude from all concerned.

Andrew P Roach

A Report from your Lay Representative: Synods, Elections and Diocesan Centres

It has been another busy few weeks for your Lay Representative. On Friday, 26th April, I attended the Diocesan Synod in Kilmarnock. The main business of this Synod was to elect Diocesan members of the new preparatory committee for the second Episcopal election. The members duly elected were clergy reps Rev. David Gifford (Renfrewshire Heartland Group), Rev. Canon Tom Montgomery (Rector of St.

Ninian's Troon, Bishop's adviser in Ministry and Diocesan Director of Ordinands) and lay reps Margaret Hanley (St John's, Greenock) and Margaret Morton (St. John's, Dumfries). Unfortunately no members from North-West Region (indeed ... no members associated with charges north of the Clyde!) were elected, but I think the new Preparatory Committee members reflect other aspects of the diversity of the Diocese well and the two Provincial Representatives from our Diocese (Very Rev. Kelvin Holdsworth and Anne Jones) are both from St. Mary's Cathedral. At the synod there was also some discussion of the new Diocesan Centre, which has now received planning permission for the required changes, and an open discussion in which Synod members were invited to give their views on the upcoming episcopal election to inform the preparatory committee in advance of their deliberations.

At the time of writing the Preparatory Committee is currently perusing the applications for Bishop (closing date was 15th May). Once the Preparatory Committee, in collaboration with the College of Bishops, has arrived at a shortlist of 3-5 candidates there will be two electoral synods, the first on Saturday, 27th July, and the second on Saturday, 3rd August. If the Synod fails to elect a new Bishop on 3rd August the College of Bishops will elect one, so, whatever happens, I hope that we should have a new Bishop in time for Christmas. Note that the College of Bishops will also elect a new Bishop if the Preparatory Committee cannot arrive on an agreed shortlist of at least 3 candidates.

As always, please pray for all involved in this process over the next few months.

In other news, the Diocese will also need our prayers to cope without a Dean. Our current Dean, the Very Rev. Ian Barcroft, will leave the Diocese to become Provincial Director of Ordinands on 3rd June. My understanding is that our Synod Clerk, the Rev. Canon Gordon Fyfe, will assume some of the Dean's duties for the meantime.

There was also a meeting of the North-West Regional Council (NWRC) on Wednesday, 15th May, at St. Michael's Helensburgh. After generous refreshment we heard more detailed plans about the new Diocesan Centre (Council member Richard Smith, the alternate Lay Rep at St Michael's Helensburgh, is heavily involved in this). As well as sharing news from other churches in the region we also discussed an outing to Dunblane later in the summer (date tbc). Please pray for the members of St. Augustine's, Dumbarton, and St. Mungo's, Alexandria, who are currently going through a vacancy process. The next NWRC meeting will be at St. Bride's Hyndland on 5th September.

A final piece of news is that I am now a member of General Synod, having taken over from the dear departed Graeme Hely as one of the North-West Region representatives. This synod happens in early June, so I shall report on my experiences there in the next magazine.

David Simmons

Christian Aid Week 2019

Facts and figures

Despite tales of doom and gloom from churches, both near and far, about how door to door collecting was a thing of the past, I am absolutely delighted to report that All Saints actually managed to bank £270 more this year than last year. Given that we were 4 collectors down, which meant 7 streets weren't covered, this was really remarkable. The total raised was £2060.18, which includes £112.00 from the church pew collection.

For those who like statistics, here are a few:

Number of collectors - 12

Number of streets covered - 18

Envelopes collected - 228

Gift Aid completed - 67 to a value of £751 (fantastic).

So, firstly a huge thank you to all you wonderful collectors who are so loyal and who do this important job, not because you enjoy it, but because if you didn't disadvantaged people throughout the world would get less support. There are moments of humour and some of you have been collecting so long you are warmly welcomed on the doorstep. (Or perhaps not as in my case, "Where's the lovely old gentleman who used to collect?" Thanks Alex S for that legacy!)

Grateful thanks too for all those who donated via the church pews. And finally, a big thank you and congratulations to those who helped count. For the second year running we got the total monies and figures on the spreadsheet to tally first time!

Celia

P.S If you are feeling left out from this happy band of collectors, do please get in touch, there are plenty of streets awaiting....

The collecting experience – some reminiscences of a Christian Aid collector

This year the Christian Aid week was blessed with glorious weather so it was a pleasure to wait on doorsteps, basking in evening sun and enjoying the blossom on the trees and the birds singing out their hearts. Some years it has tested the Christian spirit sorely while waiting on the same doorsteps in bucketing rain and wind while the householder disappears inside to hunt for their envelope, often with no success!

I am reminded each May of the passing of the years when I visit one house in particular. On my first visit to this family I was invited in by proud parents to see their very new baby girl. We have chatted each year from playgroup days through to Highers, then on to University to study nursing, and a spell in England while training. She is now 29 and a very well qualified nurse at the Jubilee Hospital in the

orthopedic wards. As I waited at the next door house, her mother was looking out for me to give me an update on her daughter, along with a filled envelope.

But I began collecting on different roads in Stockiemuir several years before I was given my current allocation. I remember being invited in to one 'elderly' couple (probably my age now!) to join them for a bowl of the first rhubarb from their garden. That compensated for the house where the young teenager, who answered the door, called upstairs to a parent: "Are we Christian in this house". The answer was NO.

I was also allocated the flats in those distant days to be met by the comment: "Next year we will have a security system to keep out people like you". That was luckily not on the same floor where, to save time, I pressed three flat door bells simultaneously. I fled the scene when all the doors opened and one dog rushed out from one flat and headed straight into another, pursued by the frantic owner. I was never allocated the flats again.

The houses where the 'sorry no cash in the house tonight' is counter-balanced by the lovely folk who have the envelope ready and greet you with a smile. But my loveliest moment this year was the Indian gentleman who stood at his open door apologising for a delay in answering the bell as he had been cooking. I commented on the delicious smell and crossed the road to the next house. Two minutes later he hailed me again and came running over with an apple to keep me going.

At my final house this year I was greeted with the words: "Goodness are you still doing the collecting. Doesn't it make you feel very old" Yes it does!

But I'm sure the money is put to good use, so we keep going.

The Monday Night House Group

The Monday Night House Group, which has been meeting for the last 30 years or so, continues to flourish. Indeed numbers attending in 2018-9 were up on the last session. According to those who had been coming to meet for reflection, discussion and prayer on every second Monday in the winter in the Stacks' front room for most of that time, the attendance on one day early this year, at around twenty, was probably a record.

Our study is generally based around a book, and this year our book has been "The Drama of Scripture – Finding our Place in the Biblical Story" by Bartholomew and Goheen (SPCK). Our discussions have been led by David Wheatley who came across this book when it was set as a study text for him in his current theological course. It has taken us some thirteen meetings to complete our discussion, as we generally read short sections of the book, twenty pages or so, for each meeting. We have also been privileged to be provided with four pages of illustrated notes written by David for each meeting, which pick out the salient points and illustrate them by references to other theological work. Our discussions of what we have

read are rarely boring and indeed occasionally heated. However the overall feeling of the debate is that it is being conducted between friends; there is rarely any reluctance to contribute and the group is invariably respectful of the views of all its members.

Although this year's book originated from the evangelical end of the theological spectrum, we are very varied in what we study. Last year for example we were looking at "A Little History of Religion" by Richard Holloway (Yale University Press). In recent years we have studied works by N T Wright, including one written jointly with Marcus Borg ("The Meaning of Jesus"), combining the very different points of view of the two authors. One highlight of the last few years for this group member has been "Christ on Trial" by Rowan Williams, describing and contrasting the accounts of Jesus's trial as recorded by the four gospel writers.

There are other elements which go into making our group meetings so satisfying. The first is that we spend a lot of time reading the Bible. Many of our studies are biblically based. But even when we are looking at a theological text, as with this year's book, our leaders are careful to follow up the relevant biblical references, to ask members to read them out and to open discussion on the biblical background to the authors' observations. We also often work from study guides based around particular books of the Bible.

The second vital element in the house group meetings is prayer, which is led by individual members in rotation. There are usually elements of thanksgiving in the prayers we offer, but perhaps more importantly we invariably close with intercessions for those we know, both within the church and in our wider circles of friends, to be in need of God's support in troubled times.

Finally a heartfelt thank you to our hosts over many years, Janet and Bryan Stack. It is difficult to estimate the volumes of tea and coffee which have been made to lubricate the discussions, or the weight of biscuits which have given us the energy to tackle thorny issues; both are considerable. But more important still is the welcome Janet and Bryan extend to their guests, whether regulars or occasional visitors.

If anyone is attracted by this brief description of what we do to come along and see how the group works, please feel free to do so. We will start again in September or October and the start date will undoubtedly be advertised on the pew sheet. Better still see Janet Stack or David Wheatley, who by that time will have details of the study material for the coming year available.

Andrew Long

PS Those who tell me how much they enjoy the magazine invariably mention the photographs. It hasn't escaped the notice of the deputy editor for this issue that there are no photographs in the reports so far. So to highlight another element of the life of the Monday House Group, our meeting twice a year for social events, for

an evening of carol singing in early January, and for a croquet match in June, here are a couple of photos from last year's croquet tourney.



Edward Simmons @thetennisaces : Kiltwalk and Afternoon Tea Thankyou

A big thank you to all of those who supported my son, Edward Simmons, with two recent events linked with *The Tennis Aces* (<https://www.thetennisaces.co.uk>).

Ed and I successfully completed the "Wee Wander" component (Dumbarton to Balloch) of the "Kiltwalk" on Sunday, 28th April. The pictures are of the entire group at the start (with the mascot) and Ed and I with our completion medals after we got home. It was an interesting and picturesque walk along the River Leven and we were cheered on by Kiltwalk staff at multiple points. We are thankful that the weather was fine too. Thanks to those of you who donated towards our current total of approximately £5500 (Ed's personal component was £460). If you still want to do this then you still can either directly via this link, or by talking to me: <https://glasgowkiltwalk2019.everydayhero.com/uk/edward-simmons>.

The "Afternoon Tea with the Ambassador Aces" in the Church Hall on Sunday, 12th May was also a big success and well attended. We raised £165 after deducting costs, but most importantly gave additional work experience to the Ambassador Aces who were serving the cakes, tea and coffee and helped raise awareness of the activities of the Tennis Aces. A special thank you to all those who donated home-baking. We hope to repeat this event next year.

David Simmons



Cake Walk 2019

The Cake Walk this year will take place on Saturday June 8th. At present no details of the meeting place or the route are available, but these will be announced on the pew sheet in due course. Alternatively contact John Harrington or Mairi Ross to find out what is happening.

Sunday School Update

This year we decided to give the children in Sunday School more of an understanding of the order of events in the Old Testament. Over the years we have covered many of the major Old Testament stories, but have jumped around the Bible a bit like we were on a pogo stick! So we thought we would go back to the beginning and make a timeline of the Books of the Old Testament to put the stories into context. It's taken us a bit longer than we anticipated as, whilst some Books have taken just one lesson to cover their major stories, others have taken a number of weeks. So far we have covered the first 10 Books from the Creation Story in Genesis through to the reign of King David in II Samuel. Just 29 Books to go then – this could take us some time!

Gift Day

Gift Day for Sunday School and Creche children this year will be on Sunday 16th June it would be great to see all the congregation and their families in church to support the children. The children will also be helping with the musical accompaniment on this date so your support will be appreciated.

Fiona Hempel

Children's Corner

It's coming to the end of another Sunday School year. Over the past year our topics have covered the major stories from the first 10 Books of the Old Testament. How many of the questions can you answer in the quiz below. Use a bible to look up the answers if you are struggling.

1: From which part of Adam's body did God create Eve? a. Head b. Rib c. Knee d. Foot	2: What was the first bird that Noah let out of the ark? a. Dove b. Duck c. Eagle d. Raven
3: What was the name of Abraham's nephew? a. Lot b. Isaac c. Haran d. Ishmael	4: What did God ask Abraham to sacrifice to him on Mount Moriah? a. A ram b. A turtledove c. His only son d. His wife
5: What did Rachel steal from her father, Laban, when she left home with her husband Jacob? a. Laban's family jewels b. Laban's money c. Laban's household gods d. Laban's favourite camel	6: What was the name of Joseph's youngest brother? a. Benjamin b. Manasseh c. Asher d. David
7: When Joseph was in prison, whose dream did he correctly interpret to mean he would be restored to his job? a. Baker b. Butler c. Cook d. Chief magician	8: What was baby Moses hidden in? a. A large water pot b. An animal skin bag c. A bread basket d. An ark of bulrushes
9: What was the first plague the Lord sent on Egypt? a. Plague of lice b. Darkness c. Water turned into blood	10: On what mountain did Moses receive the the law from God? a. Mount Moriah b. Mount Sinai c. Mount Nebo

d. Plague of frogs	d. Mount Gerazim
11: What was the 'tabernacle' for? a. To worship God in b. To prepare meals in c. To sleep in d. For the priests to live in	12: How did Rahab let the invading Israelites identify her house? a. She painted the door red b. She tied a red thread in the window c. She put a red flag on the roof d. She left a red bowl by the front door
13: What weapons did Gideon use to defeat the Midianites? a. Swords and shields b. Trumpets, pitchers and lamps c. Spears d. The ark of God and flaming torches	14: Which judge was betrayed to the Philistines by a woman? a. Joshua b. Jephthah c. Samson d. Barak
15: Who did Samuel anoint as the first King of Israel? a. Saul b. David c. Jonathan d. Joshua	16: How did David defeat Goliath? a. He threw a spear at him b. He won a sword fight c. He threw a stone from his sling d. He threw a burning torch at him

Upcoming Dates for the diary

26 th May	Holiday	23 rd June	Holiday
2 nd June	Sunday School	30 th June	Holiday
9 th June	Sunday School Party	7 th July	Holiday
16 th June	Prize Giving	14 th July	Holiday

Sunday School will return on Sunday 25th August.

June Service Rotas

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
2 June Easter 7	Joyce James Graham Bryson	LHS: Hanan RHS:Celia	Acts 16:16-34 Revelation 22:12-14,16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26	Gillian Kingslake	David Simmons	Gioia Whitmore Elaine Perret John Brooker
9 June Pentecost	Mike Keen John Harrington	LHS: Graham RHS: Catriona	Genesis 11:1-9 Acts 2:1-21 John 14:25-27	Catriona Craig	*Kirstin Freeman	Gillian Kingslake Sheena MacDonald Barbara Thompson
16 June Trinity Sunday	Philip Thompson Simon Lewis	LHS: Andrew RHS: Jenny	Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	tbc	tbc	Ann Wheatley Brenda Hadcroft Jane Lewis
23 June Pentecost 3	Pauline Waugh Mary Stott	LHS: Louise RHS: Richard	Isaiah 65:1-9 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	Bryan Stack	Louise Benson	Margaret Dunn Margery Pollock May Campbell
30 June Pentecost 4	Mairi Ross David Hamblen	LHS: Andrew RHS: Hanan	2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14 Galatians 5:1,13-25 Luke 9:51-62	Richard Kingslake	David Hamblen	Janet Stack Joyce James Kate Ross

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June Services

1 Chronicles 16.29

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due; bring an offering, and come worship the Lord in holy splendour.

Date	Services	
Thursday 30 th May Ascension	12 noon Said Eucharist and Lunch	
2nd June Easter 7 (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Easter Season Liturgy
Wednesday 5 th	11.30am Eucharist	
9th June Pentecost (Red)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Pentecost Liturgy
Wednesday 12 th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
16th June Trinity Sunday (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Trinity Sunday Liturgy
Wednesday 19 th	No Eucharist	
23rd June Pentecost 3 (Green)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Wednesday 26 th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
30th June Pentecost 4 (Green)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy