

November 2019 Magazine

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Dear Friends

I know many of you like the warm and the sunny days, but for me the crisp frosty mornings that November heralds make me glad to be alive. Feeling the cold air entering my lungs as the days shorten and the weather cools always reminds me of God gift of life. Unless we are ill, we breathe without giving it much thought. The average person who lives to 80 will take around 672,768,000 breaths in a lifetime that is a whole lot of doing something we are mostly unaware of.

The Bible places great importance on the breath of life, from the creation stories when God breathes life into human creation, through the Valley of Dry Bones which Ezekiel prophesies about, and of course Jesus himself breathed the air when he walked this earth and John in his Gospel tells us that Jesus breathed on to the disciples after his resurrection to impart the Holy Spirit upon them. Each breath we take, regardless of whether it is the breaths we feel on a crisp autumnal morning or not, is a precious gift of life from God.

A breath prayer is a good form of meditation to remind us of that precious gift. In it we sit comfortably and become aware of our breathing, praying silently a phrase with each breath. As we breathe in, we address our prayer with a short acclamation such as: Gracious God, Holy One, or Lord Jesus. As we breathe out we add an intercession such as: guide me, have mercy, send your Spirit. The same phrase is repeated with each breath for about three minutes before moving onto a different phrase if we feel so moved. This practice can help deepen our prayer life and the time spent with our Bible, or indeed when we arrive at Church to help centre ourselves on God whom we have come to worship.

Psalm 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Blessings Kirstin

AGM

Notice is hereby given of the AGM of All Saints Scottish Episcopal Church on Sunday 17th November beginning with the Sung Eucharist at 10.30am.

Papers will be available by email or at the back of the church shortly.

Art and Poetry

The final meeting for this session is on **29th October**.

The Fiesole Altarpiece



The cover of our magazine this month is believed to be by Fra Angelico circa early 15th century. The image is one of five panels which come from the predella – the lower part of an altarpiece made for the high altar of San Domenico in Fiesole, Florence. While it is no longer at the high altar it can still be seen in the church in one of the side chapels, although the five predella are a 19th century copy with the originals now being held by the National Gallery in London. Fra Angelico was a Dominican friar and the church was attached to his own convent so while it doesn't bear his signature it is the age and of the style in which he painted and so has been attributed to him.



The image on the front is a secondary panel. The main panel shows Christ in glory surrounded by angels, to the left is a panel with the Virgin Mary, the apostles, other early saints including Dominic founder of the Dominican Order and Thomas Aquinas and Peter Martyr who were members of it. To the right is the panel on the cover of the magazine known as 'The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs'. Some, although by no means all, of the figures are identifiable. On the top row are the forerunners; John the Baptist is central, to his right is Melchizedek and to his left King David, stressing the importance of the continual line of Priesthood and Kingship that Jesus came from.

You can see Moses with his tablets, and Abraham with his knife, the figure on the far left is probably Noah with Uzzah, someone maybe less familiar to you, holding the Ark of the Covenant which he rescued from the Philistines between them. On the left of David holding scrolls are the four major prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel.

On the back of the top row to the far left is a young Samuel while at the far right holding a book is Zechariah. The other figures don't have identifying characteristics, although one of the figures dressed in black could be Lot and the other Job, as they, along with Judas, are the only figures whom iconographers paint wearing black. Of course as Dominicans wear black this may not hold true for this image.

The two lower rows are of saints and martyrs from the early church. The final two panels are of Dominicans one on each side.

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Broken – A Joint Study

Along with St James the Less, Bishopbriggs and St Andrew's Milngavie there will be a series of 6 evenings when we will be studying the television program 'Broken' which was broadcast last year. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broken_\(TV_series\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broken_(TV_series)) The series focuses on a Roman Catholic priest (Sean Bean) in a northern city as he tries to guide his vulnerable parishioners through everyday trials and tribulations. It also stars Adrian Dunbar and Anna Friel. Each evening will begin at **7.15pm** with watching part of an episode before we have a discussion on the topics raised. The program tackles difficult topics in ways which are sometimes uncomfortable; however it also offers a way into talking about these topics.

The study began on 23rd October at St Andrew's, Milngavie and continue as follows:

October 30th	All Saints
November 6th	St James
November 13th	St Andrews
November 20th	All Saints
November 27th	St James

If anyone would like to attend but needs a lift please speak to Kirstin.

Justice and Peace

The Justice and Peace Groups from St Andrew's, Bearsden and St Joseph's, Milngavie have joined with members of New Kilpatrick, Bearsden to organise an evening to hear the views of church representatives and local politicians on Trident. Father John Gannon and the Very Reverend Dr Alan D McDonald will present the churches' position. Local schools will also be represented. The event will be held in St Andrew's Church Hall from 19.30 to 21.00 with refreshments and a chance to talk to the Speakers at the break. Please come along to listen to all views.

All Souls

A Said Eucharist for the Commemoration of All Souls will be held on **Saturday 2nd November at 10.30am**. A list is on the table at the back of the church for names to be remembered at the service. At the end of the service the list will be placed under the altar cloth where it will remain for the coming year.

Friends of the Holy Land

Friends of the Holy Land will be marking our 10th Anniversary with an ecumenical service at The Metropolitan Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew, 96 Clyde St, Glasgow G1 4JY followed by a reception at Eyre Hall next door on the **15th November**. The service starts at 2.30 pm.

Archbishop Pizzaballa, Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and The Most Reverend Suheil Dawani, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, will be supported by The Most Reverend Philip Tartaglia the Metropolitan Archbishop of Glasgow at this event. Join us to pray together for our mission and understand how the daily conditions of life in the Holy Land have in fact deteriorated over the past 10 years. Despite this, UK Christians can take together small, simple steps to continue to make a difference, sharing actions, words and donations.

Reserve your place now:

- Visit our website and complete the registration form www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/10th-anniversary
- Email the office with your name and address office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk
- Telephone the office during office hours 9am–1pm Mon–Fri. tel: 01926 512980

Financial Report for 2018-19

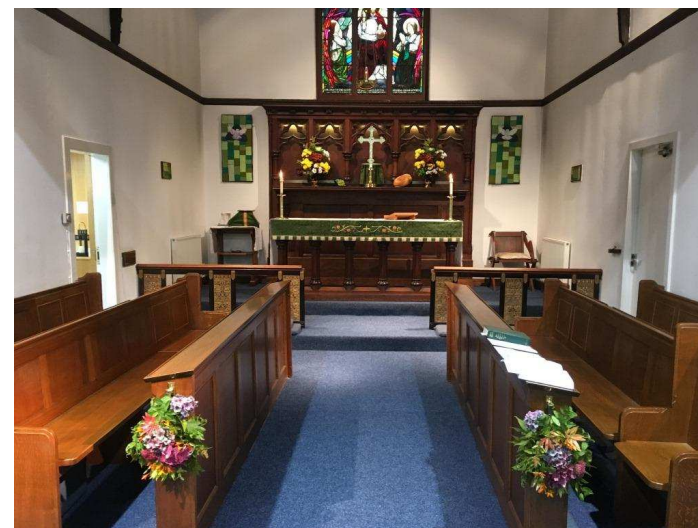
As most of you will know, the financial year for All Saints runs from 1 October to 30 September. In the weeks since the 18-19 financial year concluded I have been preparing a summary of our financial performance over the last year for the Vestry and to go to our auditor, and this article summarises the main points on which I will base this report.

1. The General Fund (current account), through which all our transactions pass, showed a nominal surplus on the year of £4635. For a better appreciation of the overall performance, this sum should be decreased by £2400 as five Mission Support payments made at the end of the year still had not been cashed on 30 September. A surplus of just over £2000 would therefore be a good summary of the overall change in our position during the year.
2. However this figure is to some extent arbitrary in that transfers were made during the year from the Choir Fund and the Reserve Fund to the General Fund. The Choir Fund was used to pay for the new hymn books purchased at the end of the previous financial year, and the reserve fund to pay for two recent projects, replacing the rectory porch and the hall lighting, which were classified as improving our estate rather than just maintaining it. These three items cost in total some £9000.
3. You will remember that, just over a year ago, the Vestry appealed to the Congregation to increase its general giving. A comparison of the 2018-19 giving with the equivalent from 2017-18 shows that the congregation responded generously with giving increasing by 5.2% to just over £51000. Donations for use of the Hall also increased by 3.3% to £19000.
4. The budget for general maintenance was kept at £3000 and was largely spent. However a new category was included in the budget, entitled major refurbishment; this was set at £5000, but was overspent in the year by some £1700, before the transfers from the Reserve Fund are considered.
5. Although it was decided to wait before making Mission Support payments to see how the congregational giving developed, it was eventually decided to release a sum of £5600, to a list of charities largely the same as in January 2018 when the last batch of payments were made. When other charitable donations made by the congregation are taken into account, just under £10000 in total was given out
6. To summarise we have performed this year largely in line with the budget approved by the congregation at the AGM in November 2018. The detailed accounts will be available at the AGM in November,

Andrew Long

Harvest Festival

As ever, the church was beautifully decorated by Ann Caie and her willing helpers. Fruit and vegetables were displayed along with autumn colours in glorious flower arrangements.



On the altar was the harvest loaf which formed the basis of Kirstin's sermon, as she sliced up the loaf, on the importance of sharing our bounty.

The Bring and Share lunch was enjoyed with the usual gusto. In spite of initial concerns about lack of food, somehow more and more appeared and then there were left overs ... loaves and fishes of 2019!

All Saints loves sharing food and drink!

Many thanks to the many helpers who made this a happy occasion.



Wednesday Lunch Group – November Special Events

There will be two special events at the WLG in November. On **6th November**, Graham Bryson will be giving us a talk about his legal work. He promises not only to talk through the current structure of the Scottish courts, and his personal role therein, but also to explain the issues which came up in a recent high profile case.



Our annual Christmas Sale will be on **Wednesday 20 November**. The money raised will go towards support for our charities, including the Glasgow Childrens Holiday Scheme which we raise money for every Christmas. If you have Christmas goods or other gifts you would like

to donate to the sale, please see Pauline Burns or Brenda Hadcroft.

The other lunches during November will be “chat days”. Do come along to have home-made soup and filled rolls, with excellent home baking, and to chat with fellow members and guests. If you have a friend who would appreciate a change of scene on Wednesdays, please feel free to bring them along.



Please note too that the WLG Christmas Party is scheduled for **Wednesday 11th December**. More details in next month’s magazine and on the pew sheets.

Andrew Long and Brenda Hadcroft

STAMPS FOR THE SUDAN CHURCH

I have decided not to take orders for the stamps anymore. A new group has taken over for the orders - and as I have been doing it for 13 years it seems a good time to stop. MANY thanks to you all who have supported me over the years. We shall all miss the lovely stamps!

Jane Lewis

PS Would anyone like to take over?

Eric Horton



Memories of Eric

Eric Horton was born in Birmingham in August 1938. He left home at 15 to start chef training at London’s Hyde Park hotel and subsequently worked as chef at a private club and then as Catering Manager at the Metal Box Company. A complete change of career followed, when he joined B.T. and worked as a night switchboard Supervisor.

In 1989 Eric and John moved to Bearsden and shortly afterwards Eric started worshipping at All Saints’ Church and joined the choir.

Eric was a much valued member of All Saints’ congregation and choir. He was a man of many talents, with a quiet, caring personality, but who also had a wonderful sense of humour. This was illustrated during a choir visit to sing Evensong in Muthill Church. Following a lengthy rehearsal in freezing conditions we duly prepared for the evening service. Wearing every piece of clothing we possessed, we struggled into our robes with great difficulty and looking more like Michelin men than choristers we processed in. The congregation consisted of two elderly ladies! Eric immediately saw the funny side of the situation and his shoulders started shaking which inevitably affected the rest of us. It was with supreme grit and determination that we managed to compose ourselves and sing. It is a memory that Eric recalled often with great amusement.

Eric’s love of music and singing had started at an early age as a boy treble. He then developed a lovely tenor voice and sang in many Gilbert and Sullivan operas. Apart from being one of the stalwarts of All Saints’ choir for many years, he was also a

valued 1st tenor (a rare breed) in Bearsden Choir. It was a great sadness to him that Parkinsons disease robbed him of his ability to sing.

Eric's catering skills were in evidence on numerous occasions and many of us enjoyed the delicious dishes he brought to Church functions, in which he participated wholeheartedly. He and John were always to be found behind a large table liberally dispensing wine to all.

The church was a very important part of Eric's life and this was reflected in his total commitment to, and involvement in, both the spiritual and social aspects of All Saints'.

He was a good friend to many and he will be sadly missed by us all.

Gill Hamblen

Thanks from our Mission Giving



Thank you very much to All Saints Church Mission Support Group for your generous donation of £400.00. We're very grateful for your support which is making a difference in the lives of people such as Joe, who has been coming to Glasgow City Mission for many years.

He comes to the evening Drop-in, pictured, and to Urban. He says, "I started coming when I was 18. I'm 35 now. I came out of desperation, I was homeless and didn't have enough money to eat.



"This time round I started coming because I was made redundant. I come here for food. You leave with a full stomach and get to know the same people and the volunteers. I hope to be back to work by the end of the year, that's the goal I've set myself."

Thank you once again to All Saints Church Mission Support Group for providing people such as Joe a safe place where they can enjoy a meal, build relationships and get support to move forwards with their lives.

Every blessing

Jack Geddes
Marketing and Fundraising Manager

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Dear Louise,

Thank you so much for All Saints Bearsden's most generous donation of £500 to the Person to Person scheme. We are really grateful that you are giving so generously to our work. Your donation will make a huge difference to all those who consequently are able to receive the healthcare they desperately need but cannot afford themselves. You should receive reports detailing which patients your donation has benefited in the next couple of months directly from Christian Medical College, Vellore. We really do appreciate your ongoing support. Please pass on our thanks to the Mission Support Group and the wider church family at All Saints.

I visited Vellore on my annual trip in January this year. It's always a very special time seeing CMC staff reaching out to care for the poor and needy and the difference that is making in their lives. It's a wonderful example of faith in action; compassion shown in response to the compassion we've received from God.

I was able to accompany Dr Reena George on a Palliative Care home visit. Her team do such an amazing job of caring for those who are suffering towards the end of their lives here on earth. I was struck by how cheerful the family we visited seemed to be despite facing death, having very little and having already experienced significant loss. It challenged me to count my blessings and be content in every situation rather than grumbling about comparatively minor difficulties.

If you would like any more information about any aspect of our work, please let me know. I'm enclosing a file containing the content of this email in a letter format, in case you'd like this for passing on to the church Treasurer or members of the Mission Support Group.

Last summer, the Friends of Vellore office moved from Cambridge to London. The new address is in the header above and I would be grateful if you could make a note of this for future correspondence. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Yours sincerely,
Ruth Tuckwell Administrator



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Thank you very much for the very generous donation of £500 towards SECMA's work.

By no means are you late; you are early! The magazines go out this week and I would normally have included a "returns sheet" with it, but there is no need.

Please pass on my thanks to the Mission Giving Committee and to the congregation in general for continuing to support SECMA. Your prayers are particularly appreciated; SECMA has struggled financially this year and we were limited in the projects that we could undertake but 2020 is already looking better.

A receipt for your Treasurer and a "Thank you" poster for the congregation are enclosed.

From Hilary Blyth (Provincial Secretary)



Today, because of your generosity, millions of people around the world won't have much longer to wait to have a Bible of their own, or one in their own language.

Thank you so much for your kind gift of £400.00 from the Mission Support Group of All Saints in Bearsden. Please pass on our thanks to the group members. By supporting the vital work of Bible distribution, translation and resources, you are making the Bible accessible to many people longing to engage with the Word of God. People like John Mufumya of Tanzania, whose life was changed forever by reading and truly understanding the Gospel for the first time.

According to Mr Mufumya, *"Before I received the Gospel in my heart language I was a lazy reader of the Bible. But when I got it written in my own language, I developed much interest in reading it. And from reading it, I came across the Words which changed my life....and I decided to give my life to Jesus. He changed me completely."*

Your support and prayers are bringing the life-changing message of the Gospel to many more people like Mr Mufumya, who can also have their lives changed. We are so grateful that you have chosen to bring the encouragement and hope of God's Word to communities across the globe through your support and partnership.

From Elaine Duncan Chief Executive

A Special Performance

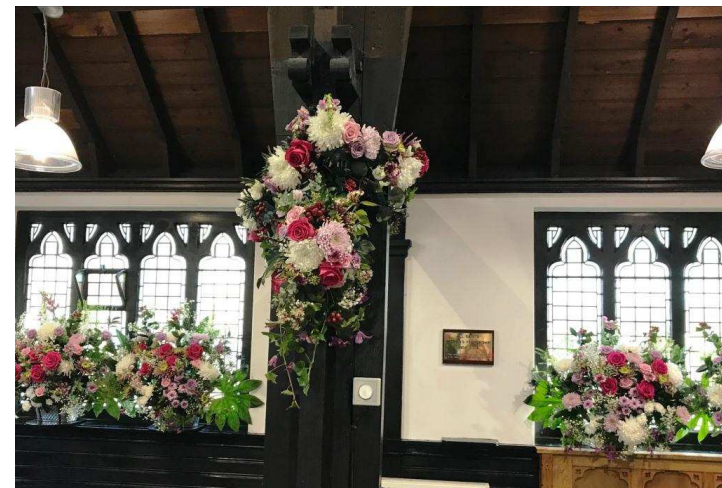
On Sunday 20th October we had a special treat at the Morning Eucharist. The family of our organist, Laura, was visiting Scotland from Finland. Laura's parents, her brother, Olli, and his wife with their three lovely children took part in the service. Olli was a splendid addition to the choir, but the highlight was the musical children.



Before and after the service, Ilona, aged 8, played the violin most beautifully, accompanied by Laura. She showed not a shred of self consciousness in front of so many strangers. The three sisters, Ilona, Onerva (7) and Inari (5), formed their own choir and sang sweetly during the communion.

Before the service, Ilona played the first movement from the Concerto in e minor of O. Rieding. Then she played the first movement of the Concertino in D major by F. K  chler. The children sang a song called "Lapsen tie on aamun tie" by composer L.-K. Kallunki and words by N. Rauhala. A translation might be "The child's way is the the path of morning".

We hope they will visit often. It all contributed to a very moving service, in the church filled with flowers from the wedding.



Wednesday Lunch Group

A Talk by David and Edward Simmons

It is the practice of the WLG to have special lunches every few weeks, featuring a speaker or other special event. On **23 October** we had not one speaker but two, David Simmons and his son Edward, speaking under the title “Autism and Us”. David works in the School of Psychology at Glasgow University and researches autistic conditions. Edward, his son, is a young man who is on the autistic spectrum. After an introduction on the general facts about the condition – some 1% of the population of the UK are autistic – the main part of the talk was a question and answer session between father and son, which gave great insight into the main features of an autistic person’s life. David and Edward emphasised that there were many different reactions of people on the autistic spectrum to life around them. David quoted an expert in the field as saying that “when you know *one* autistic person you know *one* autistic person”.

This lunchtime talk was one of the most interesting we have heard.

A Very Happy Occasion

Congratulations to Tabitha Wilson and Scott Rutherford who were married at All Saints on Saturday **19th October**. Catriona, Jim and all the family would like to thank *everyone* at All Saints who contributed to make the day such a success.

The church looked amazing, filled with flowers, thanks to Christine Keen, Ann Caie, Pauline Burns and Janet Shields along with the Craig Family.

On the next pages are some of the photos that our ‘roving photographers’ sent in for the magazine. Many thanks to Hanan, Elaine, 2 Paulines and Gioia and other contributors.



The Radiant Bride and Bridegroom



Get me to the church on time



The Confetti Arch



Guess who made the chocolate cake

The Craig Family



Glenalmond 2019

Another photo from Samantha that should have been with her report in the October Magazine. It looks like a very good party with a group of lovely new friends. Well done, Samantha!



Upcoming Dates for the Sunday School

27 th October	Sunday School – Music Session	17 th November	Sunday School – Music Session
3 rd November	Sunday School	24 th November	Sunday School/AAW TBC
10 th November	Sunday School		

GLASGOW CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SCHEME

Christmas Gifts to be ready by Sunday 24th November

All Saints will be collecting gifts for G.C.H.S children. In previous years about 150 children from 50 families benefited. Gifts for young children can include indoor/outdoor games, toys, puzzles, Lego, dolls etc. Please do not wrap gifts as they need to be easy to sort, but a roll of Christmas Paper is always much appreciated. Christmas biscuits are always enjoyed (check dates on label). It is also much appreciated for some gifts for older siblings and parents to be collected as they can expect little. Scarves, gloves, perfumes etc are welcome. Douglas Wilson, G.C.H.S. Coordinator will attend service to say a few words. There will be a box at back of Church from 27th October for the gifts to be gathered.



Ann Wheatley - Mission Support Group

November Service Rotas

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
3 November All Saints	Mairi Ross David Hamblen	LHS : Hanan RHS : Richard	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-36	Richard Kingslake	Kirstin Freeman	Joyce James Kate Ross Janet Stack
10 November Remembrance Sunday	Janet Stack David Wheatley	LHS : Catriona RHS : Andrew	Job 19:21-27 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 John 6:37-40	tbc	tbc	Pauline Waugh Fiona Hempel Louise Benson
17 November Pentecost 23	John Brooker Andrew Long	LHS : Jenny RHS : Louise	Proverbs 31:10-31; 2 Timothy 1:1-7 Matthew 13:44-46	Mary Stott	Louise Benson	Gioia Whitmore Elaine Perret John Brooker
24 November Christ the King	Anne Shirlaw Celia Fisher	LHS : Celia RHS : Graham	Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	tbc	tbc	Gillian Kingslake Sheena Macdonald Penny Inglis

Please send all articles for the December/January magazine to Richard Kingslake
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November 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	
Saturday 2nd November All Souls	10.30am Said Eucharist for All Souls	
3rd November All Saints (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	All Saints Liturgy
Wednesday 6 th	No Eucharist	
10th November Remembrance Sunday (Green)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.45am Community Remembrance at the Cross followed by a shortened Sung Eucharist	
Wednesday 13 th	No Eucharist	
17th November Pentecost 23 (Green)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Ordinary Time Liturgy
Wednesday 20 th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
24th November Christ the King (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Christ the King Liturgy
Wednesday 27 th	11.30am Said Eucharist	