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Dear Friends

“Born that man no more may die” those words of from Hark the Herald Angels Sing would make a tremendous headline. The following article would probably tell how scientists after years of experimenting have finally found the cure to death itself. No longer would cures for cancer, heart disease, or kidney failure need to be found, now in a pill or a potion there was a cure for death itself.

In December 1903, the story goes, that after many attempts the Wright brothers were successful in getting their “flying machine” off the ground. Thrilled, they telegraphed this message to their sister Katherine in Dayton, Ohio from Kitty Hawk in North Carolina: “We have actually flown 120 feet. Will be home for Christmas.” Katherine hurried to the editor of the local newspaper and showed him the message. He glanced at it and said, “How nice”. The boys will be home for Christmas.” Somehow, he had managed to totally miss the “big news”—man had flown! I guess maybe in the mind of the editor, the news seemed unbelievable, outwith his scope of the possible or probable.

The birth of Jesus, the one who came as the Christ-Child was not totally unexpected for the Jews, their scriptures had prophesied it for hundreds of years that a Messiah would come. Even the details of where he was to be born was spoken of, however his birth didn’t quite manifest as headline news.

If we forget for a moment those choirs of angels to the shepherds, Jesus arrived into the world quietly, humbly, miraculously. Those rugged shepherds seem hardly the obvious choice to deliver this breaking news. “Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”(Luke 2:11).

In one of the verses of a popular carol we sing; “Joy to the world, the Lord is come, ... Let every heart prepare him room”.

As we approach these seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, my prayer is that, in the midst of the tinsel and celebration, we won’t miss the headline of Christmas. I pray that during Advent we will find time to prepare so that, when the time to celebrate comes, we won’t miss it. We will then rejoice in the greatest gift: Emmanuel among us, that we will worship like the shepherds and magi, that we will give thanks like Simeon and Anna, and we will live the news headline, Peace on Earth for in this birth death has been conquered.

May you have a blessed and joyous Christmas.

Kirstin

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

This year we are trialing holding the ‘Midnight’ service at the earlier time of **10.30pm**. While we tend to think of days beginning at midnight, liturgically they begin at sunset of the what we know as the day before. Therefore despite the service being at 10.30pm and the Eucharist not being celebrated after midnight, this service remains the first Eucharist of Christmas.

There will also be an Interactive **Christingle Service at 4pm**.

For details of the other services over December and January please see the back of this magazine.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD

25 years ago, women were first ordained to the priesthood of the Scottish Episcopal Church. On 14th of December 2019 there will be a Provincial celebration marking this Anniversary. The service will be held at St Ninian’s Cathedral, Perth at 2pm. The Rt Rev Anne Dyer, Bishop of Aberdeen & Orkney, will preside at the Eucharist and the Rev Canon Dr Anne Tomlinson, Principal of the Scottish Episcopal Institute, will preach the sermon. The service is open to any who wish to attend.

REPORT FROM THE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION BOARD

The Administration Board of the General Synod met in September, its second and final meeting of 2019.

It was the first meeting for the Board’s new Convener, Mr Jim Gibson, and St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane representative, Mr Brendan Grimley.

The Board noted matters arising from the 2019 General Synod, including the second reading of revision to Canon 35 (to extend its remit to include church grounds) and the fact that the Investment Committee’s motion regarding revision to the Ethical Investment Policy had been rejected by Synod in favour of a counter motion calling for an Ethical Investment Advisory Group to be formed to develop a strategy with a view to future disinvestment from sources of revenue regarded as unethical. It was also noted that Synod had agreed the Board’s recommendation to reduce the maximum age of children qualifying for the clergy Child Allowance.

The Board heard from the Retirement Housing Committee that there were unusually high numbers of property sales and purchases in the current year with the expectation that there would be further sales and purchases in the coming year.

The Board also discussed in detail the consequences of Synod's rejection of the Investment Committee's motion on ethical investment in favour of a counter motion, as referenced above. There was general recognition that the Investment Committee had worked diligently in its management of the Unit Trust Pool, and had fulfilled its remit of generating investment income whilst managing risk. The Board noted that discussions were underway, under the oversight of the Standing Committee, to implement the counter motion by preparing a remit for the proposed Ethical Investment Advisory Committee and identifying members to serve on it.

Moving to the Personnel Committee Report, the Board was pleased to know that the Committee Convener was in the course of following up issues raised by the Clergy Wellbeing Survey with clergy who had included contact details in their survey responses. Committee members had had several meetings and were considering the best way of taking things forward, particularly in the light of the responses to the survey regarding bullying and harassment. The Board noted that a review of the clergy remuneration had been undertaken in 2016, which had recommended that the next review be in 2026. It agreed a remit for a review to be carried out in the coming 12 months, considering that such a review be of an interim nature.

The Board heard that applications totalling more than £300,000 had been considered by the Building Grants Group to date - far exceeding the annual budget of £250,000. Further applications were due to be considered by the Group at its final meeting of the year.

In accordance with policy that Standard Stipend track the national stipend benchmark for the Church of England, a 2% increase in stipend was agreed for 2020. In addition, child allowance (where applicable) would also be increased. Charity Regulations were also discussed. A paper highlighting Risk Management for Vestries would be posted to the provincial website following further revisions. It was also noted that a response to the OSCR consultation on Scottish Charity Law had been submitted.

REPORT FROM THE PROVINCIAL MISSION BOARD

The Mission Provincial Board met on 25th September 2019 at the General Synod Office. Several items were covered. This was a significant meeting since it was the

first since the General Synod in June. In addition, we had a visit from the Rt Rev Anne Dyer, Bishop of Aberdeen & Orkney who shared some plans regarding the provincial Year of Pilgrimage 2021. Bishop Anne highlighted that as the initiative is developed updates and information will be shared on the Provincial and Diocesan websites and through social media.

In addition, discussions took place regarding discipleship. The Board considered the work of the Four Nations Intentional Discipleship Group which is being co-ordinated by the Anglican Communion Office. The Board recognized that there is a spectrum of views regarding the meaning of discipleship which became evident after the review of comments of General Synod members recorded on the flip charts at Synod. The Board recognizes that those comments represent a snapshot since the Synod comprises only a small proportion of the total membership of the SEC. Yet it gave a perspective of views which spans from: "Discipleship is allowing people to experience God's love through sacraments and liturgy" to "Discipleship is a purposeful training in Kingdom Principles."

Of course, it is through both experiencing God's love and learning His Kingdom's ways that growth takes place in the church and us all. Quoting the Rt Rev Ian Paton, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane (the College of Bishops representative to the Board) "How are people to know God's love if you don't tell them and how are they to experience it if you do not show them?"

Children in a classroom: An additional item on the agenda was Christian Values in Education. The board discussed the importance of Christian influence on the education sector and explored some questions such as: How can School Chaplaincy be supported? Can a sharing of Chaplaincy experience take place across the Province? What is the best way to communicate these values to students, teachers and parents in light of the Scottish Government's *Curriculum for Excellence* in which religious observance is defined as follows: "Community acts which aim to promote the spiritual development of all members of the school's community and express and celebrate the shared values of the school community".

Amongst this the Board also discussed items related to Children and Youth, The International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN), Pioneer Ministry & Church Planting, Church in Society, Global Partnerships and last but not least Finances and Budgeting. Our next meeting will be in December.

BURNS SUPPER

On Saturday 25th January at 6pm we will be having a Burns Supper in the halls; tickets will be available after Christmas and all proceeds will be going towards the purchase of new curtains for the halls. If you are willing to help, please speak to Kirstin or Jenny.

A VISIT TO ST. NINIAN'S CAVE



On a lovely warm, sunny day in May, four of us visited St. Ninians Cave near the Isle of Whithorn. The weekend visit to the Isle was organized by Elaine Perrett, and as we at All Saints all know Elaine possesses a flair for getting people together to enjoy themselves.

It was David's birthday on the day, and he had it to himself. Graham and I share a Birthday in March and Elaine and a friend of mine and also my late Mother share the same date in June. Elaine decided that a weekend away on the Scottish Riviera would be a great way to celebrate and so it was. We met on the Saturday at the Isle and David and I stayed at the Steam Packet Inn, with a room overlooking the harbour. Elaine and Graham met us for dinner in the bar and a very good one too

On the Sunday we were given a guided tour of the area of which the Perretts are very familiar, having lived in the area in the past and where they now have a weekend retreat. We visited beautiful gardens filled with azaleas, bookshops in Wigtown a walk along the shore and through woods filled with birdsong and the beach where we visited the Saint's cave. Many others were also visiting the cave, too. There has been a recent rockfall and the cave seems very shallow. One wonders how long it will endure.

St. Ninian is said to have been born in what is now South Cumbria, which lies only a short sea voyage away. A sign at the Isle tells one that Workington lies 35 miles away although our drive back to Cumbria was a distance of 129 miles to reach a point some 10 miles from Workington. It is thought that Saint Patrick was born in the same area. No doubt travel by land would be much harder than by sea in the days of the saints and the Solway provided access to other communities to spread the Gospel. As we headed back inland we met a fisherman who announced that he was hoping to catch a good seabass for his tea as the tide was on the turn. One imagines that Saint Ninian would have fed himself in the same way all those centuries ago.

We finished our day with a celebratory meal at a local restaurant after a memorable day. Thank you, Elaine and Graham, for your wonderful friendship. David and Mary Stott

ASSOCIATION OF BEARSDEN CHURCHES FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SCOTTISH CHURCHES DISABILITIES GROUP ADVENT SERVICE FOR EVERYONE.

We Belong to One Another - in Community and in Communion. Come and celebrate the great diversity of God's people and share the bread of life with one another. Led by Very Rev Dr John Chalmers and Rev Roddy Hamilton. Sunday 1st December at 3 o'clock at Bearsden New Kilpatrick Church. (John Chalmers is also to be the speaker at the Association of Bearsden Churches Unity Supper on 29th January 2020)

CAROL SINGING

Members of All Saints together with members of Baljaffray, Bearsden Baptist and Bearsden Cross congregations will be Carol Singing at ASDA on Saturday 14th December 2019 from 11am to 12 noon. The money collected will be split between Glasgow City Mission & St Margaret's Hospice. Anyone who wishes to come along to sing Christmas carols will be made very welcome. Carol sheets will be provided and no singing skills are necessary.

UNITY SUPPER

Wednesday 29th January 2020 in New Kilpatrick New Halls. John Chalmers, Chairman of the Trustees of the Church of Scotland & a former Moderator has agreed to be the speaker. The ticket price will be £12, any surplus going to a charity of the Speaker's choice.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH GROUP

On 6th November, Graham Bryson gave us a most interesting talk entitled "My Life



in Crime", about his work in the criminal justice system in Scotland (see picture). After two chat days on 27th November and 4th December, our Christmas party will be on 11th December at noon as usual. It will feature a seasonal version of our usual lunch followed by entertainment featuring members of the All Saints' Choir. We will be fund raising for the Glasgow Children's Holiday

Scheme and for the La Lucia Baby House in Durban, South Africa. If you would like

to come, (free) tickets are available from Andrew Long or Brenda Hadcroft. We need to issue tickets so that we can ensure we have seats and food available in the Drymen Hall for all attending. Please do come along and enjoy the special food, the company and the carols.

December Service Rotas

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
December 1st Advent 1	Richard Kingslake Kate Ross	LHS: Louise RHS: Celia	<i>Genesis 3:20-24</i> <i>Romans 13:11-14</i> <i>Matthew 1:1-17</i>	David Wheatley	David Hamblen	Jane Lewis Ann Wheatley Brenda Hadcroft
December 8th Advent 2	Joyce James Graham Bryson	LHS: Graham RHS: Jenny	<i>Isaiah 11:1-5, 10</i> <i>Romans 15:7-9, 12-13</i> <i>Luke 1:68-79</i>	Ann Wheatley	Celia Fisher	May Campbell Margaret Dunn Margery Pollock
December 15th Advent 3	Mike Keen John Harrington	LHS: Andrew RHS: Richard	<i>Genesis 22:15-18</i> <i>James 5:7-10</i> <i>Matthew 11:2-11</i>	Margaret Dunn	Andrew Long	Kate Ross Janet Stack Joyce James
December 22nd Advent 4	Philip Thompson Brenda Hadcroft	LHS: Catriona RHS: Louise	<i>Isaiah 7:10-14</i> <i>1 Peter 2:9-10</i> <i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>	Andrew Roach	David Simmons	Fiona Hempel Louise Benson Pauline Waugh
December 24th Christmas Eve 10:30 p.m.		LHS: Graham RHS: Celia	<i>Isaiah 7:10-14</i> <i>1 Peter 2:9-10</i> <i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>	tba	tba	
December 25th		LHS: Hanan	<i>Titus 2:11-14</i>	tba	tba	

January Service Rotas

January 5th Epiphany	Mhairi Ross David Hamblen	LHS: Graham RHS: Andrew	<i>Hebrews 2:10-18</i> <i>John 1:1-14</i>	Janet Stack	Celia Fisher	Sheena Macdonald Penny Inglis Gillian Kingslake
January 12th Baptism of our Lord	Janet Stack David Wheatley	LHS: Jenny RHS: Celia	<i>Isaiah 42:1-9</i> <i>Acts 10:34-43</i> <i>Matthew 3:13-17</i>	David Simmons	Andrew Long	Brenda Hadcroft Jane Lewis Ann Wheatley
January 19th Epiphany 2	John Brooker Andrew Long	LHS: Hanan RHS: Richard	<i>Isaiah 49:1-7</i> <i>1 Corinthians 1:1-9</i> <i>John 1:29-42</i>	Graham Caie	David Simmons	Margery Pollock May Campbell Margaret Dunn
January 26th Epiphany 3	Graham Shirlaw Celia Fisher	LHS: Catriona RHS: Louise	<i>Isaiah 9:1-4</i> <i>1 Corinthians</i> <i>Matthew 4:12-23</i>	Gill Hamblen	Kirstin Freeman	Joyce James Kate Ross Janet Stack

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by Sunday 19th January 2020.

December/January Services

Date	Services	
1st December Advent 1	9am Said Eucharist	1970
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Advent
	6pm Evening Prayer	Advent
Wednesday 4th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
8th December Advent 2	9am Said Eucharist	1970
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Advent
	6pm Evening Prayer	Advent
Wednesday 11th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
15th December Advent 3	9am Said Eucharist	1970
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Advent
	6pm Evening Prayer	Advent
Wednesday 18th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
22nd December Advent 4	9am Said Eucharist	1970
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Advent
	6pm Service of Lessons and Carols	
Monday 23rd December	8am Morning Prayer	
24th December Christmas Eve	8am Morning Prayer	
	4pm Christingle Service	
	10.30pm Sung Eucharist	
25th December Christmas Day	9am Said Eucharist	1970
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Christmas
29th December Christmas 1	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Christmas
5th January Epiphany (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Epiphany
12th January Baptism of the Lord	9am Said Eucharist	1970
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Epiphany
Wednesday 15th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
19th January Epiphany 2	9am Said Eucharist	1970
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Epiphany
Wednesday 22nd	11.30am Said Eucharist	
26th January Epiphany 3	9am Said Eucharist	1970
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Epiphany