

# *June 2021 Magazine*



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Cover photo shows the roots of a tree grown in the form of a cross

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*Drymen Road, Bearsden*



Dear Friends,

On the front of the magazine is a photo of tree roots that have grown to form a cross. The liturgical season has moved on with Trinity marking the Sunday of the turn, after 6 months of festivals and seasons, from Advent till Pentecost Sunday. We now enter 6 months when we turn to the roots of faith during the summer and autumn months concluding with November and the month of Remembrance. Just as the tree which produced those roots needs them to flourish, we also need our roots and to be grounded in God and draw those things which can sustain and strengthen our faith. A tree needs its roots to be underground. If all that tree's roots were above the surface it wouldn't survive. At some point these roots rose above the ground. They are scared for being exposed and yet in time the rest of the tree sent the nutrients to grow a light bark around them to protect them not only for themselves but for the good of the whole tree.

Jesus uses the parable of the sower (Mark 4:1-20) to demonstrate how important good roots are, without them we can wither when tough times come along, we can fail to grow strong and true, or we can be distracted and picked off by other things. The importance to faith of good roots or a strong foundation cannot be overstated.

Faith is a living thing and like any living thing it needs constant care and nourishment if it is to thrive, survive and grow. As St Paul prays for the Ephesians, so I pray for you all.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, so that you, being rooted and grounded in love, will be able to grasp fully the breadth, length, height and depth of Christ's love and, with all God's holy ones, experience this love that surpasses all understanding, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. To God—whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine— to God be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, world without end! Amen.

Ephesians 3:17-21

*Blessings Kirstin*

## **COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP - WELCOMING A REFUGEE FAMILY INTO YOUR COMMUNITY**

Ever wondered what you could do to help refugees escape the misery of a refugee camp? The Community Sponsorship scheme was set up by the UK government in 2016, to encourage communities to play a part in responding to the refugee crisis.

The scheme allows local people to take the initiative in helping to resettle a refugee family in their local area. Crucially it gives families fleeing persecution and war a safe and legal route to the UK.

We're a group of people living in East Dunbartonshire and we want to find out if there are others who would join with us to form a community sponsorship group, and help a refugee family find a new home here. If you are interested please get in touch!

Helen Paisley [helenpaisley@icloud.com](mailto:helenpaisley@icloud.com)

*on behalf of* EDAR [East Dunbartonshire Action for Refugees]

## **THE ALL SAINTS MAGAZINE**

With the reopening of the church and moving forward to more relaxation in the restrictions we have lived under over the past year, a change in the magazine will be taking place. This will be the last magazine that will be automatically posted to you. Some of you may not be ready to return to church yet and wish to continue to receive a magazine by post. If that includes you, please request a copy from the magazine editors, Andrew Long or Janet Stack, by phone or email.

## **PRIMUS JOINS FAITH LEADERS TO CALL FOR GLOBAL VACCINE JUSTICE**

As religious leaders, we have witnessed the personal stories behind the Covid



statistics – we have, every day, heard the cries, shared with us, of the suffering, the frightened, and the bereaved.

We have witnessed too the profound love shown by those working at the frontline, and by those who have reached out to help their neighbours.

The Covid crisis has reminded us all of our interdependence, and of our responsibilities to care for one another. We can each only be safe when all of us are safe. If one part of the world is left to suffer the pandemic, all parts of the world will be put at ever-increasing risk.

The access of people to life-saving Covid-19 vaccines cannot be dependent on people's wealth, status, or nationality. We cannot abdicate our responsibilities to our sisters and brothers by imagining that the market can be left to resolve the crisis or pretend to ourselves that we have no obligation to others in our shared humanity. Every person is precious. We have a moral obligation to reach everyone, in every country.

Right now, despite the incredible success in developing so many safe and effective vaccines in record time, and the relief of seeing them being rolled out, with deaths starting to decline as a result, it pains us greatly that access to the vaccines is so inequitable. Rich countries have been able to ramp up vaccination efforts and secure doses whilst in most low- and middle-income countries vaccines are only beginning to trickle in. At the current pace of vaccine production and distribution, people in much of the world may not be vaccinated until at least 2024. The consequences for the poorest individuals, families, and communities, will be devastating.

Neglect would undermine the dignity not only of those left behind, but also of those who have left them behind.

This unprecedented public health crisis calls, above all, for global solidarity, for all people to stand together as brothers and sisters. The same spirit of unity and common purpose that has driven scientists to develop Covid-19 vaccines at breathtaking speed, that drives the care of those tending to the sick, must also inspire the leaders of government, civil society and the private sector to massively ramp up vaccine production so there are sufficient doses for every person in the world to be vaccinated.

We call on all leaders to reject vaccine nationalism and embrace a commitment to global vaccine equity.

As religious leaders, we join our voices to the call for vaccines that are made available to all people as a global common good – a People’s Vaccine. This is the only way to end the pandemic.

Let us work together to build a more just and peaceful world.  
To love is to take action.

## STATEMENT ON THE ERUPTION OF VIOLENCE THROUGHOUT THE HOLY LAND

By The Most Reverend Hosam E. Naoum - Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem

Over the past week, we have seen the rapid escalation of violence throughout the Holy Land: in the air attacks launched against Gaza and Central Israel, in the rioting between extremists in ethnically mixed cities, and in the continuing conflicts between protesters and police over the pending evictions in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood, of which St. George’s Cathedral is a part. It is particularly disheartening that this violence erupted out of police disrespect of Muslim sacred sites and traditions in Jerusalem during the various religious feasts.



We know from sad experience that violence and hatred will never lead to solutions to the deep ethnic and religious divisions that have afflicted this region now for a century. We therefore call upon the authorities on both sides to agree to an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza conflict in order to end the rain of death and destruction that has had tragic consequences for thousands of individuals and families.

We also call on Israeli authorities to restore order and calm within the ethnically mixed cities where rioting has broken out, so that the human and civil rights of all are protected equally.

Finally, we call upon the United Nations and the International Community to work with all parties to seriously address the underlying injustices and grievances that have led to this latest unrest in a recurring cycle of violence, working for a just and lasting peace between Palestinians and Israelis that incorporates a viable Two-State Solution.

In the meantime, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem is continuing its Christian mission of bringing healing to the wounded, relief to those who have lost their homes and livelihoods, and comfort to those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza has been on the frontlines of these relief efforts, becoming a beacon of hope to those trying to remain alive under such dire circumstances. But they are overwhelmed and in desperate need of upwards of **1.6 Million USD** to obtain fuel for hospital generators, and to purchase emergency medicine and medical supplies so that the doctors and nurses who are working around the clock can meet the crushing flow of injured and traumatized victims in this conflict.

I therefore issue an appeal to **our International Partners and all people of goodwill** to support this humanitarian mission through their generous contributions to Al Ahli Hospital, enabling them to show forth the compassionate love of Christ in real and tangible ways in these desperate circumstances.

Last of all, I ask those within the Anglican Communion and all of Christendom to join with us in offering the following prayer:

Almighty and Everlasting God: Our days are in your hands; we lift up all those in the Holy Land who are victims of violence and injustice, that you might empower your Church to bring healing to the wounded, relief to the suffering, and comfort to those who mourn; we pray also that you would soften the hearts of all those involved in the recent conflicts, that they would be led to work for justice and lasting peace in the land where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ first came to bring hope and abundant life to all people; these things we ask in his Holy Name. Amen.



## MORE THANK YOU LETTERS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS APPEAL DONATION



Scottish Episcopal Church Mission Association

21 Grosvenor Crescent  
Edinburgh  
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Dear Louise,

A huge "Thank you" from SECMA for the cheque from the Mission Support Group. That is very generous of All Saints and it will make a huge difference to the number of projects that we are able to support this year.

Projects so far seem to range from support for the Anglican church in Ethiopia as it tries to assist thousands of displaced people fleeing from the fighting in Tigray as well as those who have been displaced by the activity of locusts. We also seem likely to support a food bank in Kenya, where Coronavirus has turned a normally well organised society upside down, producing severe food shortages.

With many thanks for your continued support,

Hilary Blyth (Mrs)  
Provincial Secretary



Supporting Christian Medical College, Vellore, South India  
Registered Charity No. 209168

Dear Louise,

**Thank you** very much for All Saints Bearsden's donation of £369 to Friends of Vellore UK. I will put your donations towards our projects at Christian Medical College Vellore, unless you had a specific project in mind. We and CMC are so grateful for your continued support, both financially and in prayer, especially in this challenging time. Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to the Mission Support Group.

Friends of Vellore's projects are aimed at promoting health and welfare of the poor and marginalised. We want to help CMC to ensure that everyone can receive

appropriate medical treatment regardless of their ability to pay. We also seek to help CMC in their efforts to help local communities to lift themselves out of poverty. We are funding healthcare workers in the Vellore slums and in the tribal area of the Jawadhi Hills. We are also funding young people from these areas to train in healthcare. The elderly welfare centres we fund not only benefit the elderly who attend, but also provide employment for local women and educate the community on the importance of caring for the elderly.

India has recorded over 11.8 million COVID-19 cases and 160,000 deaths so far. Cases and deaths were declining following the first peak in September. However, sadly cases are now rising again in India, including in Tamil Nadu. The costs of coronavirus are huge for CMC, with the lockdown resulting in significantly lower income levels and many patients with Covid unable to afford their hospital care. This is in addition to the set-up costs of new ICU and isolation beds and ongoing costs of PPE and oxygen. Friends of Vellore UK have sent over £45,000 to CMC to help them cover the costs of equipping new ICU beds, PPE, patient care and outreach work. This is in addition to the funds we are sending to support current projects.

Thank you once again for your generosity. I hope you are keeping well.

Yours sincerely,

## FROM ABERLOUR CHILD CARE TRUST

We were delighted to receive a cheque for £369 from the congregation of All Saints Church in Bearsden. This will go a long way in helping us reach more families who need us right now.

With very best wishes and many thanks for your continued support.

Nadia Whitmore Regional Fundraiser West [www.aberlour.org.uk](http://www.aberlour.org.uk)





*Thank you for giving the Word of God to more people around the world so that their lives can be transformed. Your kind gift of £369.00 from All Saints, Bearsden, Mission Support Group is providing more Bibles in more languages so that people can have access to the Scriptures in their heart language. Please pass on our thanks to all those who made this wonderful gift possible.*

*The Bible, including the Audio Bible, is such a blessing to so many, reaching people who desperately need to hear God's Word. People like Catarina Rosario Miua, who was miserable and had no peace after leaving her childhood church and then an unhappy marriage. She says that one day she heard what sounded like a radio but was actually some people listening to a Proclaimer. When Catarina realised she was hearing words from the Bible, she sat down to listen. Through continuing to listen to the Word of God, Catarina's life was transformed. She says, *I began to understand that my life without Jesus is meaningless. Now, I only want to know Jesus. His love is the most precious thing to me.**

Because of you, more people, like Catarina, who have no peace in their lives, can hear about God's amazing love for them. Thanks to your generosity, the need for the life transforming Word of God is continuing to be met.

With warm Christian greetings,

Elaine M Duncan  
Chief Executive

## THE KILTWALK FOR CHRISTIAN AID MAY 2021



The Kiltwalkers would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for their donations and kind words/ thoughts/prayers for our Kiltwalk last month. We somehow managed to raise £1810, which, when the 50% promised by the Hunter

Foundation is added, will magically become £2715. That is far more than we've ever managed to raise before so we are mightily chuffed and extremely grateful to everyone.

As the photo shows, we set off at 9.30 from Milngavie amidst perfect walking weather – a little chilly, cloudy and sunny in equal parts. Unfortunately, Fiona couldn't join us having suffered a bad reaction to her Covid jab. However, Buddy decided to take Louise Benson for a "decent" walk, though they had to say goodbye at more or less the 7 mile marker at the Beech Tree pub. Tracey, Laura and myself continued, enjoying the scenery and company, and time sped by. We found a bench for lunch which we had decided to delay until the end was more or less in sight – a wise decision we all agreed post lunch!. Along the route we passed other Kiltwalkers, chatted to a few, and were slightly ashamed when we peeled off at Drymen and a group comprising mum and two teenage daughters announced they were continuing to Rowardennan! (This was at 2.00pm and another 13 miles on.)

In fact, we had such fun we are thinking of doing another walk next year. We'd love others to join us, the more who do, the more we can raise for Christian Aid. So, until 2022.....

*Editor's comment:* Congratulations to the Kiltwalkers – a great achievement.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 2021

Firstly, a big thank you to all those who delivered leaflets this year, I'm afraid I won't be giving you the usual "thank- you" post card from Christian Aid this year, but your help was much appreciated as always. Many of you said it felt like the way forward in future and infinitely preferable to delivering and then returning to collect envelopes. As a group of Bearsden churches, we have just one JustGiving page for Christian Aid Week donations and we certainly feel that working together in this way is a great improvement. Some of us walked on May 8<sup>th</sup> from Milngavie to and around the Craigmaddie Reservoir to publicise Christian Aid Week.

However, so far this way of giving does not seem as popular. At the time of writing (May 17<sup>th</sup>), there have been 157 donations and £5662 raised compared with almost £18000 last year from all the churches' house to house collections. The sum may rise and I'll update you all, but I suspect we won't reach anywhere near that total.

Celia Fisher



## THE BLUEBELLS BY JOHN MASEFIELD

Poet Laureate 1930-1967

We stood upon the grass beside the road,  
At a wood's fence, to look among the trees.  
In windless noon the burning May-time glowed.  
Gray, in young green, the beeches stood at ease.  
Light speckled in the wood or left it dim:  
There lay a blue in which no ship could swim,  
Within whose peace no water ever flowed.

Within that pool no shadow ever showed;  
Tideless was all that mystery of blue.  
Out of eternities man never knew  
A living growth man never reaped nor sowed  
Snatched in the dim its fitness from the hour  
A miracle unspeakable of flower  
That tears in the heart's anguish answered to.

How paint it; how describe? None has the power.  
It only had the power upon the soul  
To consecrate the spirit and the hour,  
To light to sudden rapture and console,  
Its beauty called a truce: forgave: forgot  
All the long horror of man's earthly lot,  
A miracle unspeakable of flower  
In a green May unutterably blue.

*Chosen by Brenda*

### BLUEBELLS AT CRAIGALLION



## SOME MEMORIES OF BARBARA THOMPSON

We, at All Saints, were very shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Barbara on Saturday April 17th. Many of us watched the funeral service on line and were glad to have been able to participate in some way. David, her son, spoke very movingly about his mother and, as requested, has kindly contributed the following eulogy and this lovely photo of Barbara in her beautiful garden.



*From David and Judith*

Very sadly, mum passed away unexpectedly in April. In these difficult times, the family took great comfort from being able to hold a short funeral service in the church as our family first came to All Saints nearly 50 years, and it has played a major part our lives.

Barbara was born in 1938 in Doncaster, South Yorkshire, where her parents Dorothy and Jack Lumb ran a public house. During the war, as the threat of German bombing increased, they moved to run a hotel in Sprotbrough, a small village to the west of Doncaster. Mum then spent the rest of her childhood here. Growing up during the

Second World War, Mum always said that she clearly remembered VE day as it was on her 7th birthday, and she thought the parties were for her. Sprotbrough was where she met our father Roy, who lived across the road and used to walk her to school. She always said that she had a very happy childhood.

After attending Mexborough Grammar School, Mum went on to teacher training college in Lincoln and then became a primary school teacher. As we moved with Dad's job, Mum taught in a number of schools and then finally at Craigdhu Primary in Milngavie. Starting there when it first opened and staying until she retired.

After many happy years living in Milngavie, Mum and Dad bought a plot of land in Strathblane, and set about building the house they that they both loved in their retirement. Throughout all of this time enjoying the community of friends they built around them, and also the the community of the church.

Mum and Dad had a very happy retirement together and, when Dad passed away 5 years ago, Mum continued enjoying living in Strathblane with her daughter and family nearby in Killearn and with visits down to stay with me and my family in the Cotswolds. Mum was immensely proud of her family, and particularly her five grand children. She closely followed their achievements and enjoyed spending time with them at home.

My sister and I have been touched, and are very grateful for the kind words and messages from those who remember Mum from church. We always saw her as loving, gentle and caring, but it is lovely to hear that so many others viewed her in the same way.

*With many thanks and our very best wishes to David and Judith and all the family.*

### **SOME MEMORIES FROM MU MEMBERS**

This very happy photo was taken in Dunblane Cathedral about three years ago when this little group, including Barbara, went to a Mothers' Union Anniversary Celebration.



When the MU was running a Parenting Course, Barbara's skills as a teacher played a large part in the sessions and to the success of the initiative. We had many a

laugh at the meetings. She had a great sense of humour and hospitality was a big part of her retirement— she was a good cook and renowned for her scones for all our coffee mornings.

Although we had not met since the first lockdown, we were in touch by phone. She was content with her projects like teaching her granddaughter French, plus continuing with the piano lessons which she had started. When we used to meet in the Burnbrae monthly for lunch she would leave to be home for the teacher coming for her lesson.

All Saints meant a lot to her, not only as a place where she found peace, but where she was surrounded by what Roy had done in the beautiful woodwork around the organ and all the work he did in the past as project manager for the new halls.

We will miss her.

Jean Stirling

Like everyone at All Saints I was shocked to learn of the loss of Barbara. I had known Barbara for over thirty years. We were both members of the Mothers' Union and enjoyed the camaraderie this brought. Barbara, on her special birthday, entertained members at Blanfield on a beautiful Spring day. Very memorable.

On a personal level, Graham and I enjoyed both her and Roy's company socially, visiting one another at home for very pleasant get-togethers with others. The last time with Barbara being in early December 2019.

I last spoke to Barbara during lockdown when we chatted about music among other things as we both loved musical theatre. She also told me during the first lockdown she had read through the New Testament.

Barbara was such a contented person and, in her quiet way an inspiration, who will be missed by us all.

Elaine Perrett



## HAPPY NEWS

A very happy photo of Rosemary Sherwood and her new granddaughter Rosie Jessica who was born on 24th March. We give thanks for her safe arrival and pray blessings on her and all the family.



## MAY MAGAZINE MYSTERY PHOTOGRAPH

The May Mystery Photograph was of a sinuous break in a dry stone wall.



## HAPPY NEWS FROM THE MACKENZIE FAMILY

Lauren and Colin were married at Oakshaw Trinity Church, Paisley, on Thursday 20th May by the Reverend Gordon Armstrong. Lauren is now Mrs Colin Smith.

Our love and very best wishes to the happy couple.



It is to be found on the path down the hill to the west from Mugdock Castle to the West Highland Way. It has now been rendered superfluous (my accompanying question) because there is a gap in the wall next door to the break, through which most people walk.

For once the mystery photograph actually generated a correspondence. Ken Ross emailed me with the following background:-

"I think the photograph is of the narrow gap to be negotiated on the path up from the West Highland Way to Mugdock Country Park. It is still intended to be used by pedestrians. The gap in the dry stone wall came about as mountain bikers removed part of the wall as it was too difficult negotiating the narrow and twisting gap already there. I was one of the Monday Mugdock volunteers involved in making the gap in the wall more accessible for mountain bikers, who had initially "vandalised" the wall by dislodging the stones for an easier way down to the WHW."

I was also talking to Mary Darke and she told me she had (correctly) identified the location of the photograph. Congratulations to both of those who got in touch, and to any others who were also successful in identifying the site.

Andrew Long



## USED STAMPS

I have been collecting used stamps for some while for **the Bone Cancer Research Trust**. Gioia's office have been very good providers of these and given me lots. Of course with emails, texts and telephone calls there is not quite so much "snail mail" nowadays.

If anybody would like to help by saving stamps too, the Trust and I myself would be very grateful. Please just leave a small area of paper round stamp. Perhaps from time to time, and when we are able to, they could be left at the back of the Church with my name or give to me when we meet.

Thank you.

Elaine Perrett

## EASTER SURPRISES

Many thanks to the team who organised this lovely afternoon tea which was delivered to Alex and me, plus the flowers.

We felt we were out at a posh venue for a treat!!

Jean Stirling

The 'team' received many thanks by phone call or message from the recipients. We had fun preparing the gifts – great team work!

## GENERAL SYNOD JUNE 2021

General Synod will again take place online this year, as it did in 2020. However, the schedule will cover two days on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 June, instead of the single day event that was held last December.

Business will start at 9am each day and is expected to run until approximately mid to late afternoon.

There will be breaks during the course of each day including a substantial lunchtime break, and Synod members will participate in a number of breakout groups for discussion and debate.

The General Synod agenda and papers have been issued and are available at:

<https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/boards-and-committees/the-general-synod/>

The agenda includes matters such as **future vision and strategy for the church** as we emerge from the pandemic, the approval of liturgies which have been subject to experimental use in recent years, ecumenical relations, a report on the triennial valuation of the Pension Fund, consideration of resources to assist the church in working towards carbon neutrality by 2030, debate about the church's process for electing bishops (Canon 4), a range of clergy personnel matters including stipend, and ethical investment.

Further information about the meeting will be issued to Synod members in the coming weeks, including instructions about how the virtual aspects of the meeting will be handled but they will be broadly similar to last year. Feedback from the first virtual hosting has been considered carefully, to find ways to improve the event.

*Those who are not Synod members will be able to watch a live stream of the meeting.*

David Simmons is our elected representative and hopes to write a report for the next magazine.



## ARIES BY AMANDA MACKENZIE

The fourth book in her Zodiac Series



War! Disruption! Treachery! By 33 AD in a divided Britannia the ruthless Queen Cartimandua has made a peace treaty with Rome, but will her beloved Fionn survive the malevolent forces ranged against him to find a way home to become King in the North? While in the south the people live in dread of the inevitable Roman invasion. Resistance to the brutality of the conquering army may yet prove impossible to sustain for the clever young Jenevah and her father King Caractacus. Might betrayal spell the end? An epic saga of sibling rivalry, survival, love and betrayal all set in the backdrop of Britain's last years before Roman occupation.

From time to time we have had book reviews in the magazine. This time we have a first, a book written by one of our congregation and a stalwart of the choir. The book is available from Amazon or any bookshop. ISBN 9781999716028

*From the author:*

I wanted to write a book about the different ways in which the British chiefs confronted the Claudian Roman invasion of 43AD. I discovered that only one of my well-educated friends had ever heard of Queen Cartimandua, although everyone knew of Boudicca. Not many had heard of Caractacus. I wanted to set the record straight. I had a wonderful time in Lockdown, able to write with few distractions. And I found out all sorts of amazing facts about Late Iron Age Britons. Like the Gauls they were highly civilised.

*Many congratulations to Amanda – a very productive lockdown*

## ROTA FOR THE SUNDAY SERVICES IN JUNE

Services will be held both in Church and on Zoom at 10.30 am.

Date	Leader	Service	Reader/ intercessor	Reading	Service Stewards	Toilet Steward
6 June Pentecost 3	Rev Kirstin Freeman	Said Eucharist	Andrew Long	Psalms 112	Kate Ross Tracey Conway	TBA
13 June Pentecost 4	Rev Kirstin Freeman	Said Eucharist	Gill Hamblen Kirstin Freeman	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Andrew Long Celia Fisher	TBA
20 June Pentecost 5	Rev Kirstin Freeman	Said Eucharist	David Simmons	Job 38:1-11	Andrew Roach Janet Stack	TBA
27 June Pentecost 6	Rev Kirstin Freeman	Said Eucharist	Janet Stack Kirstin Freeman	Lamen- tations 3:22-33	Andrew Long Brenda Hadcroft	TBA

**The Editor for the July-August edition will be Janet Stack. Please send articles to [janet.stack@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.stack@btinternet.com) by Sunday 20th June, 2021.**