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The cover picture – St Andrew (carving c.1500 in the National Museum of Scotland)
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Dear All,

As I write this, I look forward to joining you with Bishop Kevin next Sunday to celebrate the festival of All Saints. We will also be supporting Samantha and Alexander as they confirm their Christian faith in the act of confirmation and then receive their first Holy Communion. This is an important day for Samantha and Alexander as it marks a significant milestone in their Christian journey.

Life is a journey for everyone. But it is the Christian belief that we do not travel alone because, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ walks beside us as he once walked beside his disciples on the road to Emmaus. *Luke 24:13-35*

This last week I have been in Stranraer enjoying a few relaxing days with my colleagues at the clergy conference. As our theme this year was pilgrimage, we spent much time out and about exploring the joys of Galloway, a fairly remote and very beautiful place. Part of our itinerary was visiting St Ninian's cave at Whithorn reminding us of those early Christians who came to bring the Good News of Christ to our shores.

In the context of pilgrimage we also considered the concept of exile. Those times when we are obliged to go to places against our will. This could be through work, illness, relationships, family pressure or simply a time of emotional unrest and uncertainty. In exile it is natural to dream of returning home. However, as life is a journey, while we may return home in a physical sense, we will have moved on in an emotional and spiritual sense and so therefore "home" will not be quite the same because we are not quite the same people - life's experiences always evolve our souls.

The recent lockdowns have been a very tangible example of exile, leaving an indelible mark on all of us in different ways. Now, hopefully, we are returning "home" to our more normal routines but as we realise so much is not the same: how we communicate; how we relate to each other; how we plan our lives; how we book a holiday; make an appointment and there are many other examples.

All Saints is now on a journey of discernment considering the future in terms of ministry and leadership. So, as we all continue our earthly journeys together at this festival of All Saints, we remember those Christians who have gone before, especially those who have encouraged us on our journeys of faith and those who, through the inspiration of the Holy spirit, continue to encourage us today.

Prayers and blessings for you all, *Andrea*

Margaret Black

Margaret Black, who died on September 7th, had been a valued member of All Saints for many years. Apart from her regular attendance at Church Services she was also a strong supporter of the Wednesday Lunch Group and other social occasions. Having previously sung in her church choir in Paisley she was always interested in, and appreciative of, all things musical particularly enjoying Easter and Christmas services.

Her funeral took place on Tuesday 28th September at Clydebank Crematorium, led by Andrea and attended by her family and many friends along with members of All Saints. She will be remembered fondly and missed by us all.

VESTRY NOTES – MEETING OF 4 OCTOBER

- **Items from the last meeting**

The new organist: the vacancy will be advertised immediately and a sub-committee formed (John Harrington, Louise Benson, Gill Hamblen) to oversee the appointment.

After the AGM Celia Fisher will be the new Hall Convener, and Brenda Hadcroft the Vestry Secretary.

Grateful thanks were made to Janet Stack and everyone who helped with the excellent Harvest Lunch.

- **Services and other activities**

Services are continuing on Zoom with a welcome increase in numbers.

Andrea will be holding a monthly mid-week service before the Wednesday Lunch, starting on 3 November at 11.30.

Celia and Louise be trialling a Zoom morning prayer service on Tuesdays at 10.30 and lasting approximately 30 minutes. The 'Grey Book Communion' will be used.

Andrew Long, David Simmons, Graham Caie and Louise Benson agreed to be members of the new 'Worship sub-committee'.

The 'Tear Fund' will produce material during the November COP26 which may be used by the visiting priest and in the intercessions.

Confirmation classes led by Andrea will begin in the evening of 1 November. A date for a confirmation service will be announced in due course.

- **Property**

Some work will be necessary at the Rectory and in the garden.

- **Financial Matters**

The Vestry approved Andrew's proposed budget for 2021-2022. The accounts and the budget will be presented by Andrew to the congregation at the AGM on 24 October.

It was agreed that a new hob and dishwasher would be purchased for the kitchen.

Brenda Hadcroft

MORNING PRAYER

Celia and I plan to hold a short Morning Prayer every Tuesday morning at 10.30am on Zoom. We felt that it was important to continue this time of coming together which was established at the beginning of lockdown.

We have based this short service on the Morning Prayer found in the Northumbria Community book of Celtic Daily Prayer.

If you would like to join us every week, or just occasionally, please let either Celia or myself know and we will send a Zoom invitation to you every Sunday/Monday.

Louise

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEES

After 18 long months, it has been so good to be able to meet in the church hall on recent Sundays and share a cup of coffee or tea together. We are even setting out tables so that we can be socially distanced while relaxing after the service. So I have a plea: *please come and join us as often as you can!!*

As we are without a rector at present, we really need to make every effort to bond when we can, and maybe get to know those we haven't yet had the chance to meet.

All profit is passed onto Action Aid UK. This charity focuses very much on helping women and girls in some of the neediest parts of Africa, Latin and South America and Asia, including Ethiopia, Haiti and Afghanistan, helping both with long term projects and with emergencies. There is lots of information on their website - <https://www.actionaid.org.uk/>.

So please come and join us after church and bring a coin, or a note(!) with you.

From the Coffee Team

A THANK YOU

A word of appreciation to everyone leading and contributing to our Sunday services. It is lovely to be back worshipping together again and to see the well loved and familiar faces reappearing in the pews.

What thoughtful and uplifting words we have had from our visiting preachers which I am sure will lead to a rebirth and renewal of our Christian life together.

A big 'Thank-you' to all our church officers for everything they have done and continue to do. A really big individual thanks to David Simmons, for not only zooming our services but, on Sunday 17th, also masterminding and leading all the musical input. Well done David – you have a lovely voice.

We can make this a memorable and wonderful time for us all to strengthen our Christian life and worship during the post COVID period – a unique episode and yet amazing opportunity to contribute to the life of our church.

Sheena

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE AND LUNCH

We celebrated Harvest Festival on Sunday 3rd October and it was very good to welcome Kenneth Roach back to All Saints. It was also lovely to see the church so beautifully decorated in celebration of Harvest.

We welcomed the family of Keith Robinson, who was a long time Lay Reader at All Saints a number of years ago. Keith had requested that his ashes be interred in the Garden of Remembrance beside his wife Joyce and daughter Christine. Kenneth conduct the internment after the main service and those who were able joined Helen, Pat and Ruth in the garden.

Many of us will remember Keith with great affection and in my case I have known Helen, Pat and Ruth from Youth Fellowship days (and that was not yesterday!).

Thereafter we joined the Harvest Lunch in the Drymen Hall where we found the tables groaning with lovely food, a glass of wine and lots of happy chatter. How good to be able to enjoy the fellowship of friends again.

Many thanks are due to those who arranged the lunch, set out the hall, provided the food and refreshments and not least, did the clearing up. Too many names to mention but you know who you are, and it was a great team effort! A happy day indeed.

Louise

REPORT ON ALL SAINTS AGMS

We had our long-awaited Annual General Meetings (AGMs) after the morning service on Sunday, 24th October. As we did not have an AGM in 2020 we had to run together both that meeting and this year's in accordance with both our constitution and the requirements of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). It was gratifying that the meeting was quorate with 15+ members of the congregation present.

The 2020 AGM simply consisted of approving the minutes of the 2019 AGM (held on 17th November, 2019) and a brief report from our treasurer. The real business began with the 2021 AGM. I delivered my Lay Rep report orally (incorporating some points for discussion). Copies of this report are available on request and will be incorporated into the meeting minutes. There were two key points of discussion after my report, concerning the congregation's views on Christmas services and the timeline for re-introducing wine as well as bread at communion services. Both of these issues will be tabled for discussion at the next vestry meeting. There was also some debate about declining numbers in the Scottish Episcopal Church, and how best to attract more young people which will be ongoing issues in coming weeks as we begin to prepare our parish profile.

The Property convenor's report, taken as read, focused on the well known issues of drains, walls and upgrading the Rectory. Andrew Long then presented his Treasurer's report alongside the accounts and budget for 2021-22. There were no questions other than a general vote of thanks to Andrew for all his hard work. The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) report was also taken as read. Again, if you were unable to be present please ask for copies of these reports if you want to read them.

After re-appointing our usual auditors the next item of business was elections. I was re-elected as Lay Representative as was David Hamblen as Alternate Lay Representative. We have five new vestry members: Louise Benson, Graham Caie, Tracey Conway, Celia Fisher and Brenda Hadcroft (apologies to Brenda for getting her surname wrong in my report!). Louise Benson was re-appointed as NWRC rep and Celia Fisher and Penny Inglis as ABC reps (subject to Penny's approval). We concluded the meeting with an act of remembrance as we read the names of all those we have lost from the congregation in the past two years and concluded with the Grace.

During my report I proposed a vote of thanks to John Brooker for his sterling work as both Vestry Secretary and Halls Convenor over the last several years

and there was a presentation. Many thanks to Brenda Hadcroft and Celia Fisher for taking on these important roles.

Important Calendar (and other) Notes for coming weeks

Zoom: We are still continuing to broadcast the Sunday morning services on Zoom. A reminder that the meeting number is **913-382-1554** and the password is **Housegrp**. If you are having any issues with Zoom access or quality then please contact me.

Sunday, 31st October: Our patronal festival service, incorporating confirmations, with Bishop Kevin presiding. Do stay for cake and coffee afterwards.

Wednesday, 3rd November: Said communion service in church at 11.30am, led by Rev Andrea Hagenbuch, preceding Wednesday lunch club.

Sunday, 7th November: A special morning service focusing on the COP26 summit using materials supplied by TearFund.

Sunday, 14th November: Remembrance Sunday. As usual we shall meet at the Bearsden Cross war memorial for 10.45. The ecumenical service will be followed by a brief said communion service.

One last thing: We have just instituted a sub-committee of the vestry, the Worship Committee, to choose readings and hymns and plan special services. The idea came up that we should democratize the choice of music a bit by asking the congregation to choose a favourite hymn for us to include each Sunday, maybe with a few words as to why that could be shared on the day either by the chooser or whoever reads the notices. We'll start this in December, so please start sending me your choices (bearing in mind the season will initially be Advent).

David Simmons

THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE CHURCH

The Treasurer's Reports to the AGMs

The Treasurer reported briefly to the two AGMs of the Church held on 24 October. The points he made were as follows:

- With regard to the 2019-20 Accounts these had been approved by the Vestry and by the Auditor, and submitted to OSCR during the course of the last year. The main change versus previous practice was that the Accounts were prepared in Receipts and Payments format, rather than the Accrual

format used in previous years. This greatly simplified the conversion of the day-to-day Accounts to a format appropriate for OSCR, and would in future make the work of Treasurer and also of the Auditor much more straightforward than had previously been the case.

- The 2020-21 Accounts had been closed at the end of September, and were presented to the AGM in raw Receipts and Payments format. A budget for 2021-22 was included in the spreadsheet and the Treasurer pointed out its main features. An allowance for the repair of the Rectory where necessary and its repainting outside and in was included to take full advantage of it being unoccupied at present. It had also been agreed by the Vestry that the cherry tree in the front garden was too large for its site and would be removed.
- Notwithstanding this allowance for work on the Rectory, a projected surplus of some £20,000 was predicted in the budget for 2021-22, reflecting that, after Kirstin's departure, we were no longer paying a full-time stipend. This implied that when a new incumbent was appointed to All Saints, we should be well able to meet their stipend costs. The giving by congregational members had held up well during the Covid period, and Hall let income was now beginning to build up again.

Andrew Long, Treasurer

BISHOP KEVIN REFLECTS ON AFGHANISTAN CRISIS

In his September message, reproduced below, the Rt Rev Kevin Pearson, Bishop of Glasgow & Galloway, discussed how the unfolding crisis in Afghanistan has affected us all.

Afghanistan is a long, long way away: despite news coverage, newspaper reports, radio interviews, the country itself is on another continent. The news coverage makes many of us feel powerless, makes us ask ourselves the question "What can I do? Or, indeed, "What has the situation there to do with me?". When I find myself asking those questions then I become full of fear: fear not of military force, but fear of losing real hope in God who is love. Real hope, not simplistic optimism, that in the end the situation will sort itself out, but real hope in God because, as the liturgy states, there is no room for fear in love.

What Afghanistan teaches us is that to have ideas about God is right; it is only when we believe that our ideas about God are the only right ideas to have and to hold, then we lose real faith for a fraudulent certainty. Whatever faith is, it is not ideological certainty but faith in God who is love, removes fear and gives

each one of us power. The power to empathise with the refugee and the exile, as they seek asylum in our midst. The power to recognise, and face, the refugee and the exile we recognise within ourselves. The child at school who is not interested in sport in a school famous for its prowess on the athletics track or football field, that child can feel isolated, excluded, exiled within and without, a refugee from the common experience.

Remember the gospel stories of Jesus eating with tax collectors and sinners. Making friends with women, never mind women taken in adultery. Certainty stoned them, but with love, understanding, acceptance, Jesus showed empathy and real love. That is the power of love, the sign of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our world: real hope searches to understand, to accept, to open ourselves to new experience, to new ideas in which we encounter God in new ways through new people. There is no room for fear in love because life with God is so exciting, love is exciting, life giving, and brings us to power.

We have power in the tiny donations of money we are able to make to aid agencies. We have power in keeping ourselves informed of what is going on in our communities and in the worldwide family of humanity. We have power in prayer for those whose lives are torn apart by violence, war, being somehow different, a refugee, in exile.

Remember the Biblical stories of God's people who were exiled, refugees, wanderers in strange lands. This is our history, our heritage as people of faith. It is the story of God's people, searching for God in the wilderness of their experience and of their hearts.

Recently, I have visited several projects helping those with addictions recognise what actually drives them to substance abuse of whatever sort, drugs, alcohol. Walking in certain areas of our city many of our people, especially young people, feel powerless and hopeless. The dedication, the love of those working in those areas, walking those streets: that is the dedication and the love which seeks to give power to those who feel powerless so often.

When we pray for Afghanistan, we pray for the peace of love which comes from understanding and acceptance. When we pray for those with addictions in our own communities we pray for the peace of love, which comes from understanding and acceptance. When we pray for ourselves, we pray that we may show the power of the Holy Spirit in understanding and acceptance. That is the blessing of God, which passes all understanding...

+Kevin

EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE WELCOMES REFUGEES (EDWR)

I am extremely grateful to all those who donated money at the Harvest lunch (for their drinks) to EDWR funds. The drinks were provided by John Booker so huge thanks to him too. I sent the £105.50 to EDWR who were delighted.

If anyone has looked at the EDWR Just Giving page recently, they will have noticed that we have raised the fund raising target to £13500. This is because not only have we passed the £9000 we originally aimed for, but also because the Treasurer has produced a budget which suggests we need nearer £16,500 in the first year, (including £5000 for contingencies). One of the reasons for this raise is the potential difficulty in finding accommodation in East Dunbartonshire which is within the housing support allowance given by the government, plus the likely high heating and interpreting costs.

However, the good news is that as we have reached the £9000 required to submit our application, we can start looking for suitable accommodation. This is the area where we need most help. If anyone has any contacts with friendly landlords who have a 3 bedroomed flat/house they may be willing to rent for at least 2 years at/below the market rate we would be very interested in hearing from them. Once we have found something suitable, I will probably be writing again to appeal for help painting/decorating/furnishing it.

In a quite separate project, East Dunbartonshire Council have also agreed to house 4 Afghani families which is very good news for the approximately 7,000 Afghans currently housed in hotels throughout the country. This is particularly unsatisfactory for the children who should be at school.

Do contact me if you'd like to know more about EDWR. Celia
celiacornock@hotmail.co.uk

CHRISTIAN AID HARVEST DONATIONS

Many thanks to everyone who so generously contributed to the collection for Christian Aid at the Harvest Service. I banked £305 which is considerably more than in previous years and I have no doubt it will be used to great effect in alleviating poverty. Celia

THOMAS CAMPION

1567 - 1620

Thomas Campion lived a most extraordinary life. Orphaned as a child, he was sent by relatives to be educated at Cambridge University. He then went to study law at Gray's Inn in London and became a lawyer. Later in life he travelled to Caen in France to study medicine and became a doctor with a practice in London. He did not marry or have any children and is thought to have died in London of the plague.

Throughout his life Campion wrote poetry. His earliest poems were written in Latin, and his later work in English has many references to Latin poetry and classical mythology.

His best known work is a collection of poems written to be sung, accompanied by the lute. The famous poem below is included in the Lute Books. It has no title, but is known by its first line as *The Man of the Life Upright*. In it, Campion explores the evils which an upright man will avoid and the simple joys he will have to make him happy.

The man of life upright
Whose guiltless heart is free
From all dishonest deeds
And thought of vanity:

The man whose silent days
In harmless joys are spent,
Whom hopes cannot delude,
Nor sorrow discontent:

That man needs neither towers,
Nor armour for defence:
Nor secret vaults to fly
From thunder's violence,

He only can behold
With unaffrighted eyes
The horrors of the deep
And terrors of the skies.

Thus, scorning all the cares
That fate or fortune brings,
His makes the Heaven his book,
His wisdom heavenly things,

Good thoughts his only friends
His wealth a well-spent age,
The earth his sober inn
And quiet pilgrimage.

Brenda Hadcroft

SAINT ANDREW'S DAY IS NOVEMBER 30

Saint Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, Greece and Russia and was Christ's first disciple. The magazine cover is a photo of a carving of St Andrew (c.1500) in the National Museum of Scotland.

In Greek Andrew means 'manly'. St. Andrew's biographical details are simple: he was born between AD 5 and AD 10 in Bethsaida, the principal fishing port of Palestine. His parents were Jona and Joanna; his brother was Simon. Jona was a fisherman, along with his business-partner and friend Zebedee and his sons James and John,.

Andrew had a strong sense of curiosity. He would have gone to the synagogue school at the age of five to study scripture and then astronomy and arithmetic.

Later, on the banks of the Jordan, Andrew met John the Baptist: he was the first disciple and the first apostle. It was he who brought the boy with the loaves and fishes to Jesus before the feeding of the five thousand.

According to the apocryphal 'Acts of Andrew' he is said to have travelled to Asia Minor and the Black Sea. In the city of Synope he is believed to have suffered great hardships and the house he was in was nearly burnt down. He returned twice more to Asia Minor and Greece, even travelling as far as Hungary, Russia and to the banks of the Oder in Poland.

In Greece, Andrew forced his way through a forest inhabited by wolves, bears and tigers. Finally, in Patras, he was given the choice of being offered as a sacrifice to the gods or being scourged and crucified. By his own request the cross was diagonal. He, like his brother Peter, felt himself unworthy to be crucified on the upright cross of Christ.

He hung for three days on the cross, fixed not by nails but by rope round his hands and feet. Even in his last agony, he continued to preach. So ended the life of Saint Andrew. What happened to his body, however, is the next part of the story.

How did the bones of Saint Andrew come to Scotland?

There are two versions - the first a pious fable. In this, Saint Regulus (later known as Rule), a Greek monk and keeper of St Andrew's relics at Patras, was told in a vision to set hide some of the relics until further instruction. A few days later, the emperor Constantine removed the remaining parts of Andrew's body to Constantinople.

An angel again appeared and told Rule to take the bones he had hidden and go west by ship. Wherever they were shipwrecked he should lay the foundations of a church. The angel foretold how pilgrims would travel to this shrine from all parts of the West to receive health of body and soul.

Saint Rule's ship was driven ashore by a storm onto the headland of Muckcross in Fife, into the little village of Kilrymont (later St Andrews). Halfway between the Castle and the harbour is said to be Saint Rule's cell.

At the time Saint Rule landed, the Apostle appeared to the Pictish King, promising victory to his enemies. In gratitude, the King confirmed the dedication of St. Regulus Church to God and Saint Andrew.

This is, one suspects, an arresting fable that telescopes more mundane and complicated historical fact. A second (and probably more reliable) explanation says that the bones were brought to St Andrews about 732 AD by Acca, Bishop of Hexham (near Newcastle), a well known venerator of Saint Andrew.

Whatever route the bones of Saint Andrew may have taken, we do know that in AD 908, the only bishopric in Scotland was transferred from Abernethy (the royal residence) to St Andrews. Subsequently, the town rapidly became famous as a pilgrimage site.

Significance to Scotland

Saint Andrew is patron of Russia and Greece but has special significance for the Scots. The Declaration of Arbroath (1320), written by Scottish clergymen to Pope John XXII, was an appeal to the Pope against the English claim that Scotland fell within the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of York.

The Declaration argues that the Scots were a distinct people who had long enjoyed the protection of Saint Andrew, brother of Saint Peter. Saint Andrew is described in the Declaration of Arbroath as "our patron or protector".



DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED ON SAINT ANDREW'S DAY

At the General Assembly in May 2021 and at the General Synod in June 2021, the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Episcopal Church each voted to adopt the Saint Andrew Declaration.

The Declaration states, for the first time, that each Church formally recognises one another as part of the one Church of Jesus Christ and it lays the foundations, through a series of Acknowledgements and Commitments, for our two Churches to work together in response to our common calling to minister to the whole people of Scotland.

Church leaders, clergy, and members – in fact anyone with an interest in promoting ecumenical work between the churches in Scotland – is invited to an online day conference, to be held on 30 November to mark and celebrate the adoption of the St Andrew Declaration.

Following the conference, a service will take place to celebrate the St Andrew Declaration, during which the Most Rev Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church and Lord Wallace of Tankerness, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland will sign the Declaration. It will be held at 4.30 p.m. on 30 November in St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh. All are welcome. The service will also be available on live-stream.

The Saint Andrew Declaration is an initiative of the Our Common Calling Working Group, a joint working group of the Church of Scotland's Committee on Ecumenical Relations and the Scottish Episcopal Church's Inter Church Relations Committee.

More information can be found at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/publications/inspires/>

HARVEST LUNCH RECIPE

It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying our harvest festival and lunch this year. As requested and at the risk of quiche overload here is my recipe for tarte provencale, a quiche that turns out well and pastry that is easy to control!

This tart serves 6-8 people

Pastry:

225g plain white flour

1 free range egg beaten

60 ml olive oil

Tepid water(30-40ml)

Put flour in bowl, make well in centre and add egg oil and water. Mix vigorously with fork or fingers till it forms a dough. Knead lightly then leave to rest for 30 mins before rolling out and lining a 11" flan tin. Spread 2 tbsps Dijon mustard over pastry base and chill while preparing the filling:

275g aubergine thinly sliced

1 green pepper finely sliced

Olive oil for brushing

2 large tomatoes thickly sliced and seeds removed

3 egg yolks

350ml creme fraiche

Small clove garlic, crushed

250g cheddar cheese grated

Salt and pepper

A few chopped fresh herbs such as parsley, marjoram and basil

Bake aubergine and pepper in oven (200C) for 20 mins

Beat together eggs, creme fraiche, garlic and cheese

Arrange the tomato slices in a single layer in the pastry case. Top with aubergine and pepper slices. Pour custard over the vegetables, stand flan on baking sheet and bake in oven (200C) for 30 mins. Sprinkle with chopped herbs and continue cooking for @15mins until custard set.

Here's to the next social function !

Kate Ross

(editor: if you managed to get a taste of this, you were lucky. It vanished fast!)

VERY MINOR SAILING ADVENTURES

We recently returned from a very pleasant trip on our boat. The problem with an expedition in which there are no storms, no engine breakdowns or embarrassing groundings is that it does not produce many good stories for the church magazine.

So I do apologise. Mainly I have to tell you about lovely weather, fine scenery, barbeques on beaches, and other such stuff, which is pretty nice to experience, but not all that entertaining.



However, I can give you one mini-disaster, which (spoiler alert) ended almost before it began without the consequences our folly deserved. I can also tell you about the hens' shop; but I'll start with the cock-up.

It was our first overnight stop, and the simplest, most undemanding sort of arrangement. Having done all the lengthy loading of the boat, we knew we wouldn't have time on the first day for a real journey, so we just made our way down the loch to the village of Toberonochy, where there is a bay provided with a good many moorings and no one minds a passing yacht pinching one overnight. So we didn't even have to go round in circles finding the perfect spot for anchoring. We enjoyed a comfortable and peaceful night and were ready after our usual lengthy breakfast and preparation, to depart. If I may digress for a moment, one of the joys of living on our boat, which is not large, is trying to use one small space for storage, eating, sleeping, bathroom 'facilities', oh yes, and sailing. Everything has to be put away between one use and another, which means everything takes ages.

Anyway, we were eventually about ready to depart, having managed to persuade the delightful ancient mariner who had rowed over to chat from a neighbouring boat, that we needed to get going. Because we happened to have a perfect breeze, we decided to sail off the mooring, though we had the engine running in case it didn't go well. It didn't. The wind carried us towards another boat, and I found it bizarrely difficult to get any steerage (to get control of our direction with the rudder). We seemed to be heading for trouble, though not at all quickly, so I reverted to the engine, and went into reverse. We then realised two things very quickly. Firstly, the reason we couldn't steer properly or get anywhere under sail was because the length of rope attaching the heavy mooring buoy to the pick-up buoy had entangled itself between our keel and

rudder. Secondly, my putting the engine into reverse had neatly backed us over the painter connecting our dinghy to the boat and cut it in two. We were thus helplessly snarled onto a rope under the boat and were unable to manoeuvre away from it, and were in extremely imminent danger of losing our dinghy, the only means we would have of disentangling it. On balance, it was just as well the ancient mariner was still at hand. He was a very competent and nice ancient mariner!

Now for the hens. On Kerrera, about ten minutes walk from the marina at the north of the island, there is a small farm shop. We walked there the evening of our second night, and, as we have noticed on previous visits, found no one manning the shop, just an honesty box. The shop is a lean-to attached to the farm itself, and you approach it through the farmyard. The only sign of life, having passed the pigs and the cows, was a slightly scruffy but friendly cat, and a considerable quantity of hens and ducks. Our main purchase was some lovely fresh eggs. When we emerged from the shop, the hens and ducks came eagerly



clucking towards us, as much as to say, 'We hope you remembered to pay, and we particularly recommend Daphne's eggs tonight!' Sadly, although the date of laying was handwritten on each egg, the name of the hen responsible had been omitted. They made a delicious omelette a couple of days later at Carsaig Bay. I think you could reasonably describe the experience as buying your eggs directly from the hen.

Mairi Ross

MEMORIES OF LONG AGO

Reading Gill and Janet's article in the October magazine about their visit to the Keswick Pencil Factory brought back memories of my visit there in 1938. My mother and I were visiting an uncle in Carlisle. We were en route back to Vancouver having spent five months in London where I underwent eye surgery and we were heading to Liverpool for the trans-atlantic stage of our return journey.

My uncle took us to the Lake District for lunch and to the pencil factory. I was in the back seat of his car with my aunt and her dog, who proceeded to be very sick all over us, much to my uncle's ire. He was a rather fussy gentleman!

At the factory I bought pencils to take home to my brother. Never did I think then that I would visit the Lake District many times in future years after I married and settled in Bearsden.

Sheila Benson.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB

We probably didn't all realise how much we missed the Wednesday Lunch Club until we could do it again, and had our little reunion lunch at Ross Priory in September. It was so wonderful to see everyone and catch up on all the news in person. Since then the Lunch Club has met four times, and we are delighted that the numbers have started to increase so that twenty five sat down to lunch last week. The company is excellent, the lunch is as good as it ever was, and the raffle never ceases to amaze!



During those four weeks we have noticed that things have begun to change just a little: people have started to drop in to have coffee and a chat with us during our break at 10.30, and this is such a joy. Some stay on for lunch, others just have a coffee, while most people still arrive around 12.00. However you want to do it,

it is fine with us - even better if you bring a friend. Our latest recruit is a rather gorgeous, black dachshund called Mabel who is coming only for coffee at the moment, but we hope she'll soon stay with us for lunch.

Everyone is invited and all are welcome!

If you would like to come, but don't have transport, please let us know. We will find a way to make it possible.

Andrew and Brenda

NEWS OF THE VACANCY PROCEDURE

The Vestry had a very helpful and positive meeting with the Bishop and the Dean on **26 October**. At the meeting the Bishop outlined the procedures for the preparation of the profile for All Saints and the advertisement of the vacancy.

The Dean discussed the selection and interview processes. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held with the Dean.

Brenda (Vestry Secretary)

ROTA FOR THE SUNDAY SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Services will be held both in Church and on Zoom at 10.30 am
Zoom details on p6

Date Sunday	7 November 3rd before Advent COP26 service	14 November 2nd before Advent Remembrance Sunday	21 November Christ the King	28 November Advent Sunday
Celebrant	Rev Moira Jamieson	Rev Canon Prof Charlotte Methuen	Rev Sally Gorton	Rev Canon Prof John Riches
10.30 Service	Sung Eucharist	Said Eucharist (following the service at Bearsden Cross)	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
Stewards	Janet Stack Celia Fisher	Kate Ross Brenda Hadcroft	Pauline Waugh Joyce James	David Hamblen Andrew Roach
Eucharistic Assistants	Celia	Louise	Graham	Hanan
Readings	TBC	Mark 13:1-8	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Revelation 1:4-8 John 18:33-37	Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36
Reader	TBC	Sheena Macdonald	Gillian Kingslake	Gill Hamblen
Intercessor	David Hamblen	Sheena Macdonald	David Simmons	Louise Benson
After-service Coffee	Tracy Conway Pauline Waugh	Elaine Perrett Gillian Kingslake	Kate Ross Sheena Macdonald	Jane Lewis Brenda Hadcroft
Other events	COP26 special service at 10.30	Remembrance Service 10.45 Bearsden Cross		

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