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The cover picture – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Giovanni di Paolo (Giovanni di Paolo di Grazia), ca. 1435. Celebrated this year on Sunday January 30th

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Drymen Road, Bearsden



February 2022

Dear All,

As I write this letter on a dull and damp mid-January afternoon Christmas and its celebrations seem a long time ago now. However, at church the festivity continues as we celebrate the season of Epiphany.

We began with the *feast* of the Epiphany – the revelation of the Son of God by the wise men to the Gentile world. These wise men from the East were called to enlighten the world with their divine discovery, a world that would never be the same again, a world that would be inspired to see things differently through the life and love of Christ.

Then we celebrated the revelation of Christ through his baptism with the voice of God saying “This is my Son”

Last Sunday it was through Jesus’s miraculous powers to change water into wine at a wedding at Cana.

As we begin a new year, we may also seek Christ’s revelation through his Holy Spirit in our lives and the world today.

Just before Christmas at St Andrew’s prayer group, one of the members amused us by sharing a message from a friend designed to encourage us at the start of a new year.

It went

“Welcome onboard flight 2022. We are about to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your positive attitude and appreciation are secured and locked in the upright position. All destructive devices: anger, selfishness, self-pity and resentment must remain turned off. All negativity, hurt and discouragement must be put away.

If you were to lose your positive attitude under pressure, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by faith. Only by turning on your faith, can you assist other passengers who are of little faith.

Baggage is not allowed on this flight.

God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off. Destination - abundant life in Christ. Enjoy the breath-taking views from the prospective of Kingdom of heaven!”

Well.... obviously rather cheesy... but it brought a smile to our faces. The underlying message of course is to keep positive and trust in our Lord.

The last two years have been difficult and challenging for all of us in different ways and sometimes it can be hard to be “strong in the faith” and keep our attitudes “in the upright position”. But the season of the epiphany, during which God is revealed to us in the actions and love of Christ, can give us hope as we are assured that God is not distanced from us but, in the person of Christ, led an earthly life as we do: he shared in our humanity and therefore also our suffering but most significantly he invites us to share his resurrection.

This year is going to be an important year at All Saints. As a church community you will seek and discern the appointment of a new priest to lead you in your journey of faith. The process involves all the church congregation.

In Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians using the analogy of the body, Paul emphasises the importance of each church member. If a seemingly insignificant part is taken away the whole body becomes less effective. He is emphasising the point that we are all needed, we are all valued and we are all part of the one body of Christ

In this vein, although some of you will be called to play an active part in the selection process of a new priest, may I urge *all of you* to pray for the Holy Spirit to call and inspire the right applicant.

“As it is, there are many members yet one body....now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it” 1 Corinthians 12:20 & 27.

My very best wishes and blessings to you all for 2022

Andrea

REPORT ON FIRST STEPS IN FILLING THE RECTORIAL VACANCY AT ALL SAINTS

We have now completed the first four months since Kirstin officially left All Saints, and the Vestry thought it would be timely this month to fill the congregation in on what has happened in the process of filling the rectorial vacancy since then. The first relevant event was the visit of the Bishop and the Dean to meet the Vestry on 26 October; this was reported in the Lay Rep’s article in the December-January Magazine. David mentioned there that the first step in recruitment mentioned by the Bishop and Dean was to prepare a series of materials summarising how we saw All Saints as it was at present, and what we wished a new Rector to offer us. Three items were mentioned, a *Congregational Profile*, detailing the main features of our present life and worship and how we saw them developing, a *Rectorial Profile*, covering the qualities we were looking for in the new appointee, and also a *video* showing

the church and also its surrounding area. The last of these is new and not mentioned in any of the old Provincial documents.

The first step taken by the Vestry was to send out the questionnaire with the December-January Magazine which had four open-ended questions on it about the present and future of the Church, and the qualities we should be looking for in our new rector. Twenty-two replies were received to this questionnaire and were analysed by Louise, Tracey and Celia, who reported verbally to the January Vestry. They were of the opinion that the material therein would enable a Rectorial Profile to be constructed, and also give important information to those constructing the Congregational Profile.

The next step was obviously to construct drafts of the three material items required, and to this end three groups were put together as follows:-

Congregational Profile: David Simmons, Andrew Roach, Anne MacDougall;

Rectorial Profile: Louise Benson, Tracey Conway, Celia Fisher (the group who had already analysed the Questionnaire);

Video: Brenda Hadcroft, David Hamblen, Andrew Long, David Simmons.

One other action had been left over from the Bishop/Dean Meeting, a further meeting between the Diocesan officers (Dean and Treasurer) and selected Vestry members to discuss the financial position of All Saints. This had not yet been held, although, given our current satisfactory financial position as reported to the AGM and to the Vestry in January, it was unlikely to hold many terrors for us.

ALL SAINTS FINANCES – FIRST QUARTER

At the January Vestry Meeting, the Treasurer presented the Receipts and Payments figures for the first quarter of the financial year. As expected, the Church was making a temporary surplus of at least £2000 per month, which resulted largely from not paying a rector's stipend. The Church had taken over responsibility for the financial commitments associated with the rectory, and this would add to the fuel costs for the year, and would also pay an increased insurance premium for the period the building was empty. Additionally it will need to deal with the large increases in the price of gas, which are expected in the calendar new year, and would of course affect all our fuel payments. Not all our visiting preachers claim expenses, so the costs associated with ministry would be lower than anticipated in the budget. Although the expenses of rectory refurbishment may well be above the budget estimate, our sound financial position would mean that we could still resume Mission Support payments in this financial year. The Vestry was happy that this should be done.

Andrew Long

VESTRY NOTES - MEETING OF 9 DECEMBER

- **Dishwasher News**

After a very thorough examination the dishwasher in the kitchen has been found to have nothing wrong and to be perfectly usable.

- **Communication**

There was discussion about the procedures for visiting members of the congregation. It was agreed that visiting would continue.

- **Online Provincial Training for Safeguarding**

It was agreed that as many people as possible should be included in the Provincial Training. When details are made available, an advert will be put in the Church magazine.

- **Services etc.**

There was discussion of services which are about to take place in the coming weeks and arrangements which will be necessary under the Covid regulations.

- **The Rectory**

Arrangements for the refurbishment of the Rectory are ongoing.

- **Finance**

As expected, there will be a small surplus in 2021-22.

- **Mission Support**

There was discussion of the target figure for Mission Support and the possibility of an appeal. It was suggested that there could be a Giving Group to which the Mission Support Group could report.

VESTRY NOTES – MEETING OF 6 JANUARY

- **Provision for Weekly Worship**

The Worship Committee has finalised hymns for the coming weeks.

Andrew Long has written a short manual for heating the Church so that more people will be able to change the settings, as required.

- **Congregation Questionnaire**

The Vestry would like to thank those who completed the questionnaire. The responses have now been analysed and will form the basis of our search for a new Rector.

- **The Organist**

Mr Jeremy Wan has been appointed as our new Organist. We will be delighted to welcome him on Sunday 9 January and look forward very much to the joy of hearing him play at our services.

- **Finance**
There will be a financial surplus in the first quarter, some of which will go to Mission Support.
- **The Church at Christmas**
The Vestry would like to thank the ladies of the Flower Committee for the very lovely flower arrangements in the Church at Christmas. They were greatly appreciated by everyone.
- The next vestry meeting will be on 10th February.

Brenda Hadcroft

OUR NEW ORGANIST

All Saints was pleased to welcome Jeremy Wan to our Church on Sunday 9th January when he commenced his duties as our new Organist.

Jeremy is from Hong Kong, where he still has family, though he has been largely resident in the U.K. for the past 10 years. He obtained a Music Scholarship to Kings School Canterbury where he received his secondary education from 2013 to 2018. This developed his interest in Church music and choral singing, for which he was awarded prizes for composition and performance. As well as learning piano he studied the saxophone, which he admits he preferred; he still enjoys listening to jazz from the bebop era, as well as classical music.

He then moved to London for his University studies at the London School of Economics graduating in 2021 with a Degree in Politics and Philosophy. However, he also continued his musical interests, learning to play the Organ and singing with and conducting their Chamber Choir. This was followed by a move to Glasgow University as the Lafine Organ Scholar to study for his Masters degree in Musicology under the direction of Kevin Bowyer. Fortunately for us, he has found enough time from his duties in the University Chapel to provide music for our Sunday Services.

He is also hoping that by February the Covid restrictions will be eased enough for our own Choir to begin singing again. So, if you have any ambitions to start, or return to singing, please speak to him after the Service or email him at jeremywan8868@gmail.com



THE CAROL SERVICE Sunday 19th December

Andrea opened the service by saying "I really love a good carol service". I'm sure we all agreed with her, and that is exactly what we had.

Top marks go to David Simmons for 'resurrecting' the choir, finding some new willing volunteers, and then leading them in some lovely favourite carols. The well chosen traditional readings were read by members of the congregation, with Andrea reading the final wonderful passage from St John's Gospel.

The organ was played beautifully by Will Briant and many thanks go to him, not only for giving us some wonderful music, but also for his time. Between playing at the morning Eucharist, he raced to Glasgow Cathedral to practise for a coming service there, and returned in time for a 5pm practice with the choir. Even the congregation were in good voice and finished with a rousing 'Hark the Herald'. Sadly there were no mince pies and mulled wine to follow but thanks again to Andrea for leading us in this traditional service which gave our Christmas celebrations a wonderful start.

Kate Ross

CHRISTMAS CHURCH FLOWERS



A heartfelt thank you to Ann Caie and her team for decorating the church so beautifully again this year. Not only are they a real work of art, but also a bonus that they keep looking fresh well into New Year. Thanks, Ann, for this extra lift to our spirits at Christmastime



Pauline Waugh

MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

I am very pleased to report that the Vestry has agreed to be re-established the Mission Support Group as a regular part of the life of All Saints , and as such have allocated £6000 this financial year. It is hoped that this regular giving will continue either from General Funds and/or by special appeals. I have been asked to re-convene this group as soon as possible.

However, before I do that I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ann Wheatley very much for her many years of leadership of the group and for raising her concerns for many projects in South Africa and in Cape Town in particular. Ann was also our main contact for many years with the Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme. Thank you Ann.

The £6000 agreed needs to be allocated before the end of March 2022. Therefore I would like to ask for willing volunteers to join the small but extremely worthwhile and rewarding group, to review our former mission links and decide a way forward. Additional suggestions are very welcome and we will consider all carefully.

As time is of the essence please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested or have a new suggestion....if there are no volunteers personal invitations will be issued!

Louise Benson

SCOTTISH 'GOOD NEWS' WINNER GOES INTO UK FINAL

A Scottish Episcopal Church, St Luke the Evangelist Church in Glenrothes, which provided school children with tablets to help with online learning has reached the final of a UK-wide competition to find 'good news' stories – and it is looking for your support. Please help!

The competition was launched by specialist insurer Ecclesiastical to shine a light on churches' bright ideas and success stories, community heroes and ingenuity in the face of adversity.

St Luke's was chosen as the regional winner for Scotland – earning £1,500 to support the church's work in the community. Its recognition came after providing computers and tablets to local pupils to take part in online learning during the UK-wide lockdown, following a successful application to the Church in Society Committee of the SEC for support from the Child Poverty Fund. Father Gerry Dillon, Priest of St Luke the Evangelist, Glenrothes and St Finnian's,

Lochgelly, said: "We are delighted to win and very grateful to Ecclesiastical for the award which we'll be putting towards our audio-visual equipment.

"The AV system will widen access to our community space(s), and to the community groups and services working with people and within our community. It will also make it possible for us to partner with global projects and initiatives who can broaden individual and community horizons.

"This scheme not only helped us partner with the local school to support the learning of children through digital devices, but also to develop parents' literacy, numeracy and digital skills – which has been an unexpected benefit of this initiative.

"Going forward St Luke's will continue to be an additional space in the community that will be of use for the ongoing well-being of the whole community, as well as developing nurturing opportunities, especially with local schools and youth groups."

St Luke's now joins four other churches in the national final where they can win a further £6,000 as overall winner. Naturally, St Luke's would be grateful for any support that Scottish Episcopal Church members can give them in the vote to find the UK winner!

"We would really appreciate any support that other churches can give us by voting for us in the final," said Father Gerry.

Helen Richards, church director at Ecclesiastical, said: "Congratulations to St Luke the Evangelist Church, our regional winner for Scotland. Their efforts to support local pupils who were without access to computers or devices needed for online learning during the pandemic really impressed our judging panel.

"Despite the challenges that the pandemic has brought with it, churches have remained a beacon of hope to the communities they are based in.

"That's why this year's theme for our church competition is 'Good News'! We wanted to help shine a light on those unsung heroes in our communities and the new initiatives that churches have come up with to help those most in need – spreading the 'Good News' far and wide."

Members of the public can vote for their favourite shortlisted church to help decide the overall national winner by going to the website: <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/scottish-good-news-winner-goes-into-uk-final/> and selecting **St Luke's project**. Voting closes on **Tuesday 22 February**.

(Thanks to Susan Gray for drawing attention to this event)

Christmas Gift Scheme Report 2021 – Feedback to supporters

The generosity to our Christmas Gift Scheme was again really positive. We continued to receive support from 4 local churches – All Saints in Bearsden, St Andrew's in Uddingston, St Margaret's in Newlands and St Ninian's in Pollokshields. This took the form of both gift and financial donations. We also received financial support from a local company and gift support from individual supporters of the charity for specific families.

Overall, the Holiday Scheme was able to provide gifts and/or vouchers to assist: 175 children and young people and 73 families

(In 2020, our total was 145 children and young people and 75 families)

In addition, we will be able to use gifted toys, books and games for use at our caravans during 2022 and will make toy, games and clothing donations to identified pre-school and after school groups.

In financial terms, we had a funding balance of £930 from 2020. For 2021, we received a total of £983 in cash, cheque and bank transfer donations. We purchased and allocated a total of £2,230 worth of vouchers. This left a balance of funding of £317 met through our own funds. We were able to provide direct gift support to 20 families.

Family Feedback comment:

Awww thank you, this will certainly help, my husband lost his job and has been unable to get a new one so money has been very tight. I have just requested a foodbank referral so this will definitely be of great help. I will buy both the kids a wee gift each to open up on Christmas Day that way they have something. Thank you so much again xxxx greatly appreciated
xxx

Other equally positive comments were received.

Glasgow Children's Holiday Scheme would like to thank everyone at All Saints for the continued support to our Christmas Gift Scheme.

Douglas Wilson

SIMON LOWIS

1941-2021

We were all saddened to hear of Simon's death in November. He was a well-loved member of our congregation for forty years and is much missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jane, Mark, Katie and Logan, who did so much to look after Simon during his knee operations and subsequent illness, especially during his final months. The packed church at his funeral was a fitting tribute to Simon. The following is a tribute to Simon given by Jane's brother at his funeral on the 17th December 2021.



Simon Prior Lewis - that smiling face who was always interested to meet people and to have a chat. Who was interested in you and made friends wherever he went.

Born in Sedbergh village, his father owned and ran the local chemist shop. Simon was very proud of his Sedbergh roots.

Simon went first to the local primary school and then started as a day boy at Sedbergh School - as did his brother. He later became a boarder. At School he played fives, squash, rugby and cricket - playing for the 1st X1 in 1960.

After School he got a job with British Petroleum in Leeds as a rep - and then was moved to Newcastle where he operated the first self-service garage in the area with a shop. After arriving in Newcastle, he played cricket and rugby and squash at Northern rugby club. Northern was famous for their Saturday night discos and it was here that he met Jane (probably my fault) and started a romance. They were married in 1970.

After a few years, Simon and Jane moved to Leeds where Mark and Katie were born. They then moved back to Newcastle for a short time, still with BP before they moved to Glasgow where Simon was promoted to Area Manager. They thought they would be here for a few years - 40 years on they are still here!

Living in Bearsden, Simon played cricket at Auchenhowie for Dunbartonshire and tennis at Bearsden Tennis Club where he ran a gents team for a short while - he was also a keen squash player. Golf then took over and he joined Hilton Park Golf Club. He was Junior Convenor of the club for a few years. As a member of the MCC he loved his visits to Lords with his pals.

Simon, in his retirement from BP, was given the job of visiting BP Pensioners which he also really enjoyed.

Simon and Jane have attended All Saints for 40 years where they have made many friends. Simon served on the Vestry and volunteered for many years as a sidesman.

As we know Simon had been ill for some years. He was in hospital for quite a while having his knee replacements - he thought he was in a hotel and started ordering coffee and sandwiches for the Consultant!

Simon and Jane had wonderful holidays - which they really enjoyed.

Simon was a real family man having been happily married for 51 years. He was very proud of his children Mark and Katie and loved his grandson Logan. When the end came, it must have been some comfort to the family that they were at his bedside when he slipped away at the age of 80. The family are very grateful for the care Simon received in the end at the Abbotsford Care home.

Simon, we shall miss you. That smiling face, the friendship that we have had, the fun we have had when in your company.

It has been an honour and privilege to have known you. Rest in peace dear friend and God Bless.

Jane adds: 'I would like to thank you all for the letters, cards and flowers I have received. I have been overwhelmed by your kindness which is much appreciated. Thanks to Andrea, our interim priest for her support and taking the funeral service and to Andrew Long as chief sidesman for his organisation at the funeral.'

JUNE BEADSWORTH

1939-2021

On 30th December, a service of thanksgiving for the life of June Beadsworth was held at All Saints, led by Andrea. June and Barry and their family were members of All Saints for many years before they retired to England. During their time in Bearsden June was an inspirational teacher and Barry a GP at Anniesland. In 1984, Barry was treasurer of All Saints. Recently they moved back to Bearsden to be near to their son, Andrew.

The church was packed with family and friends and a moving tribute was given by their eldest son Michael. The service was a fitting celebration of June's life. She will be much missed by her family and friends.

HEART TRANSPLANTATION THIRTY YEARS AGO

I was pleased that Janet drew my attention to an article in The Herald of 16th December 2021 about the continuing heart transplant program in Glasgow. It was 30 years ago at Hogmanay, at a party at Janet's home, that I was informed that there was a donor heart available in London for the first patient of our newly instituted Scottish Transplant Service, based initially at Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

So instead of enjoying the rest of Janet and Bryan's hospitality, I soon found myself in a small plane flying to London. There followed a fast police car journey to a central London hospital where the donor, who had fulfilled the strict criteria for brain death, was ready prepared on an operating table. I never got to enjoy removing the heart from donors, though my rational sense told me that it was the best thing to do.

On the flight back to Glasgow the pilot, who was sitting next to me, told me we were the only plane in the sky over the Britain for a short time as it was New Year! Another fast journey, courtesy of the police, to the Royal Infirmary where the rest of the team had our first patient on the operating table with the chest open (we had a primitive mobile phone to keep in contact so the operation could start before the new heart arrived). Another new experience was taking the recipient heart out and seeing a huge cavity (most patients with heart failure have a dilated heart) into which the normal donor heart is sewn. The whole procedure was long and exhilarating, but exhausting and unsustainable.

One contribution I was able to make was to stimulate the setting up of a rota system so that, when donor hearts became available, the nearest transplant unit was responsible for removing the donor heart, which was then flown unaccompanied by a surgeon to the centre with the most suitably matched patient on the UK list. In our first year we transplanted 21 patients without mishap. So it is a great satisfaction to read that the centre, now located in the Golden Jubilee Hospital, has now carried out some 445 heart transplants. Five years ago, at an event held in the Golden Jubilee Hospital to mark 25 years I met one of our first year's patients who was still doing very well and was beyond the interval usually reported on the graphs for world-wide outcomes that ended at 20 years with very few surviving patients.

Heart transplantation made quite an impact on my career. The first operation I saw was a very early valve operation by Christiaan Barnard, who went on in 1967 to be the first in the world to transplant a human heart. He was a Cape Town medical school class mate of Donald Ross, by the 1960's the leading UK

cardiac surgeon, who was the first to undertake a British Heart transplant operation. I did a significant part of my training under Donald Ross at the National Heart Hospital in London.

The second surgeon in the world to do a heart transplant was Norman Shumway, working at Stanford University in California. He really deserves all the credit for cardiac transplant surgery, having worked out the criteria for brain death and having done the experimental laboratory work that underpinned cardiac transplantation. He was scheduled to do his first transplant in January 1968, so Barnard's operation deprived him of being the 'first in the world.' I became very friendly with Norman Shumway. He visited us in Glasgow and I read his citation for Honorary Fellowship of the Glasgow and the Edinburgh colleges of surgeons. I also made several visits to his centre in Stanford.

One of the big advantages of my academic position at the University of Glasgow was the ability to travel world-wide so I saw transplant surgery in many centres as far apart as Sidney and San Diego and other forms of heart surgery in numerous centres, getting to know the world leaders in our specialty well. I owe many a great debt of gratitude for my career. I recall a surgical meeting in Chicago where I was in a long queue to check in at the conference hotel. Norman Shumway happened to walk past and greeted me with enthusiasm, followed a few minutes later by Denton Cooley, the legendary pioneer of cardiac surgery from Texas. He too stopped and chatted for a while as I knew him well. As he walked on, I had a tap on the shoulder. Turning round I was asked: "Who the hell are you?" – a smiling surgeon who worked in Texas but had never known Denton Cooley let alone Norman Shumway!

Janet's newspaper article mentioned that the present transplant surgeon at the Golden Jubilee had not been enthusiastic about artificial hearts (in spite of some 60 years of experimental work by several centres). It reminded me of Norman Shumway's comment when asked: "Artificial hearts have a great future, and always will have!"

David Wheatley

PS from Janet: I remember that Hogmanay vividly. David, having had a bleep around midnight, quietly mentioned he had to leave to pick up a heart for transplant. We continued with the party, recovered on New Year's Day and woke on January 2nd to find David and his team had just completed the operation, having operated throughout that period and was then sitting with the patient until recovery was certain. Amazing!

BACK TO WORK by Mairi Ross

You may recall that when I wrote about the labyrinth in my garden, I semi-jokingly said that I was creating it because my original plan to build my own 'church' in response to being locked out of others, was perhaps a little beyond me. Well, the idea never went away, and eventually I decided that I was going to do it – to build my own church – anyway!

I am happy to tell you that I am back to what the evidence clearly indicates is my favourite occupation, of heaving mud and rocks around! As some of you know, I had a minor accident in the autumn, leaving me with sore or cracked ribs, and an inability to do anything strenuous in the garden (or anywhere else). This put the brakes on the church project, which had, at the time of the mishap, just about begun. The revised plan was then to get a contractor to create the foundation, which is what I had begun to dig. That was the scheme until last week, when the person I'd found to do it (at considerable expense of course), indicated he wouldn't after all be available for several more weeks. As I am expecting a crucial delivery to take place soon, and as I am pretty nearly fully fit again, I decided it was time to get back to work myself, and save some money at the same time!

Now, I must confess that my description of the project has to be qualified a little. I am not building it from scratch. I have ordered a shed, measuring 10 x 8 feet, it will be installed for me, and I will then turn it into a church. Furthermore, though I call it a 'church', I should point out that I am not, for various reasons, actually planning to get it consecrated, so technically it will be a spiritual place, a prayer room, a holy shed! I don't think there is really the word for it, so I'll just call it a chapel for convenience.

My plans are still at an early stage. I know the size of the building, and I have various ideas for how it will look, but I'm not going to finalise anything until I have the basic building in place. It will have a somewhat ecclesiastical theme inside, and the outside, somehow or other, will boast a bell and a cross. Beyond that, please watch this space! Like most of my schemes in their early days, what I currently have is a muddy hole in the ground, and a growing pile of rocks (which I swear get bigger with each new venture!) We are considering dealing with the monster I have most recently exposed by christening it 'Peter' and reburial where it is under the centre of the chapel site!



'upon this rock...'

LINES WRITTEN IN EARLY SPRING

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH 1770-1850

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sat reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure:—
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?

This lovely poem was written by Wordsworth in 1798 when he was still a young man. In it he describes the world around him as he is relaxing in a grove in early spring, when the first leaves and flowers begin to appear and the birds start to sing and play happily about him. It is a time of calm and pleasure when nature seems to be in harmony with the human soul.

And yet in the first stanza Wordsworth tells us that his 'pleasant thoughts bring sad thoughts to the mind', and he grieves to think 'What man has made of man'. He returns to this in the last stanza when he asks if he has not good reason to be sorry if indeed his belief in the pleasure of the natural world is heaven sent and really part of Nature's plan. He may be thinking that, unlike the birds and the flowers, man is not in harmony with nature. We cannot know, but the poem was written towards the end of the French Revolutionary Wars, and he may be referring to the many horrors which took place in his lifetime. Perhaps the words also have a stark resonance for our own world two centuries later.

Thanks to Brenda for suggesting this poem.

THE POWER OF FARMING

You may remember in deepest lockdown that my daughter Morag wrote about the power of pom-poms which helped her family at the time. Well, now the children are more or less back at school, I thought I'd let you know how the power of farming is helping them now.



Glachbeg (www.glachbeg.org.uk) is a farming croft on the Black Isle which is run as a charity and offers support to anyone who struggles with mainstream education. Our grandson Fraser has struggled with normal schooling for the past few years with anxiety and depression but once a week now he attends Glachbeg.

He has a one to one staff member and they work all day cleaning out animals, collecting eggs, building and mending shelters, all with education in mind. He comes home a much more relaxed and happy child. Recently he has started his bronze **John Muir Trust** award which recognises this work but without too much pressure. Fingers crossed this continues as normally he would be afraid of failing.

The **John Muir Trust** (www.johnmuirtrust.org) is a wonderful Scottish charity for the environment which I'm sure most of you are aware of, but I hadn't appreciated this aspect of their work. We were asked today to think of projects to support through our mission giving. Perhaps one of these charities might be an idea?



A happy looking Fraser

Kate Ross

A VISIT TO HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PITLOCHRY

During September David and I spent a week at Pitlochry, where we walked and climbed the hills in warm and sunny weather with the odd exception. It was however a lovely day when we sat on our camping stools on the river bank of the Tummel outside the theatre, for a performance of Wind in the Willows. It was so well acted and we both felt so happy to have a return to the Festival Theatre.



On the Sunday morning I attended the large Victorian Episcopal Church, which has some splendid stained glass windows. I was surprised to meet a substantial congregation. On an earlier visit some years ago the congregation was sparse and we sang hymns with recorded music

but on this day they had an organist, and the service was conducted by the Reverend Canon Liz Baker. The service commenced at 9.30 am. After the service I was invited to have coffee and homemade cake, which I had to decline as we had just eaten a huge breakfast at the hotel. I did stay for a chat.

Liz Baker, who had moved to Pitlochry on her retirement from Milton Keynes, had to dash away to Blairgowrie for a later service. She does this most weeks. While I was at Church, David discovered the Serenity garden, which lies adjacent to the Church but hidden away at the back

On the following morning we visited the garden again and three of the people from the previous day's service arrived to tidy the garden and immediately recognised me. We sat and chatted for a while and heard how they had come to Pitlochry from other places. One from Bearsden many years ago, one from Edinburgh newly arrived and with her house in Edinburgh not yet sold and the third her new neighbour, also from Edinburgh, she had moved a few years ago to live in the retirement flats very near to the station. They were all very pleased to have moved and spoke with enthusiasm of life in the town. I recommend a visit to any of you, should you be there on a Sunday. They will make you very welcome.

Mary Stott

(Mary visited another Holy Trinity Church, the report of which will appear in the next magazine)

ROTA FOR THE SUNDAY SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Services will be held both in Church and on Zoom at 10.30 am
Zoom Meeting Number 913-382-1554 Password Housegrp

Date Sunday	6 February 4th before Lent Green	13 February 3rd before Lent Green	20 February 2nd before Lent Green	27 February 1st before Lent Green
Celebrant	Rev Moira Jamieson	Rev Sally Gorton	Rev Moira Jamieson	Rev Canon Prof John Riches
10.30 Service	Sung Eucharist	Said Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
Stewards	David Hamblen Andrew Long	Tracey Conway Andrew Long	Janet Stack Celia Fisher	Kate Ross Brenda Hadcroft
Eucharistic Assistants	Louise	Graham	Hanan	Jenny
Readings	Isaiah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	Jeremiah 17:5-10 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26	Genesis 2:4b-9,15-end Revelation 4 Luke 8:22-25	Exodus 34:29-35 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36
Reader	Sheena MacDonald	Gillian Kingslake	Gill Hamblen	Richard Kingslake
Intercessor	Sheena MacDonald	David Simmons	Louise Benson	Andrew Long
After-service Coffee	Elaine Perrett Gillian Kingslake	Kate Ross Sheena MacDonald	Jane Lewis Brenda Hadcroft	Joyce James John Brooker
Other events	We hope that coffee after church and Wednesday lunches will resume during February			

There will be a Said Eucharist on Wednesday 2nd February at 11.30am, celebrant Rev. Andrea Hagenbuch.

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